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FOREWORD

This report presents data on various social and economic characteristics of individuals and families who received benefits through the federal or state food stamp programs in California. The data reflect general characteristics of this population and are based on information obtained from the County Performance Sample survey conducted by the California Department of Social Services (CDSS) for Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2002—October 2001 through September 2002. This publication presents selected characteristics from the survey process.

On August 22, 1996, the Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act (PRWORA) was signed into law (Public Law 104-193). PRWORA, commonly called the Welfare Reform Act, overhauled the nation's welfare system and made significant changes to the federal Food Stamp Program. Among the changes were the reduction of food stamps for able-bodied adults without dependents and the elimination of benefits, except under certain conditions, for legal immigrants. This curtailment of benefits for legal immigrants was, somewhat, offset by the implementation of the California Food Assistance Program.

THE FOOD STAMP PROGRAM

The Food Stamp Program provides monthly benefits that assist low-income households in purchasing the food they need to maintain adequate nutritional levels.

National eligibility standards and benefit levels were established by Congress while national administration of the program is provided by the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), Food and Nutrition Service, which funds 100 percent of the benefits. At the state level, the California Department of Social Services is responsible for program supervision, with county administration.

Eligibility determination includes an assessment of income level; resources, such as real and personal property; residency; employment status; and citizenship or legal immigrant status. Households in which all members receive federally funded public assistance benefits (CalWORKs) are considered categorically eligible for food stamps.

California's SSI/SSP recipients do not receive food stamps. Instead, they receive cash equivalent (cash-out) as part of their SSI/SSP benefits.

A **Public Assistance Food Stamp (PAFS)** household is one in which all of its members also receive public assistance.

A **Nonassistance Food Stamp (NAFS)** household is one in which none or less than all of its members also receive public assistance

Able-Bodied Adults Without Dependents (ABAWDS) ages 18 through 49 are limited to three months of food stamps in three years, unless they work 20 or more hours per week, participate in a workfare assignment, or participate in an allowable work activity for at least 20 hours per week.

CALIFORNIA FOOD ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

To afford some level of benefit protection to certain legal noncitizens who were deemed ineligible under PRWORA due to their immigration status, the California Food Assistance Program (CFAP) was implemented, effective September 1, 1997. It provides food stamp benefits to individuals in this category. **CFAP recipients are included with the federal food stamp recipients presented in this publication.**

SURVEY DISPLAY

For comparison purposes, the tables in this publication display NAFS and PAFS data separately. Where appropriate, accompanying bullets make reference to comparable 2001 data. The two periods cover the federal fiscal year ending September 30 of 2001 and 2002, respectively. **Also, except where noted, no inflation adjustment has not been made, but the California Department of Finance calculated a 3.0 percent increase in the U.S. Consumer Price Index between 2001 and 2002.**

Pie charts and bar charts, where appropriate, have been included as a visual aid to assist the reader in the assimilation of the data. Moreover, the median and the mean (average) have been computed for many of the tables. (The median is the middle value of a data set; half the items in the set are larger and half are smaller. A normally distributed data set will find the mean and the median fairly close to one another. When the data set is not normally distributed, however, the median and mean can be very different because such a data set will lack a well-defined center point.)

SURVEY DOCUMENT

Prior to the passage of PRWORA, Performance Measurement County (PMC) staff conducted Quality Control (QC) reviews for the Aid to Families with Dependent Children and Food Stamps Programs. Currently, the tool used to accomplish this process, the Quality Control Information System (QCIS), has been modified and expanded to collect additional data elements and is currently known as Q5i. Since the passage of PRWORA, data are collected by PMC staff using Q5i for federal reporting requirements, policy development, program evaluation, participation rate calculations and characteristic surveys.

Data in this report reflect characteristics of families receiving food stamps at least one month during the time period of October 2001 through September 2002.

Information was derived from review of case records, third party verifications and recipient interviews, which were conducted as a means of verifying data in the files and to provide additional information that may not be found in the case records. The Employment Development Department (EDD) base wage file and the Medical Eligibility Data System (MEDS) file were used to supplement these data.

Also, Charts 30 and 31 were constructed with data from the DFA 256 (Food Stamp Program Participation and Coupon Issuance Report) and, in the case of Chart 30, with data from the Employment Development Department.

SAMPLING INFORMATION

The sample cases for the food stamp portion of this survey were drawn from a county Food Stamp Monthly Issuance File. This file consists of all certified eligible households issued food stamps in a particular month.

Each month, a random sample of open cases is drawn from the 19 largest counties—these are PMC counties, which represent approximately 90 percent of the statewide caseload—and an additional sample is drawn from the remaining 39 counties as a whole. The total sample for FFY 2002 consisted of 5,698 cases.

DATA PRESENTATION

The data represented by tables in this publication were developed using statistical methodology to expand the number of sample cases to the average of the actual number of food stamp cases that received food stamps during the twelve-month period. Since the sample was drawn from cases and not persons, the person data were also expanded using statistically derived case weights. Due to sample expansion, the frequencies may or may not be the same as those found in other reports. Also, because of rounding, the frequencies may or may not add to the totals vertically and/or horizontally. The differences are small, however, and not significant.

RELIABILITY OF THE DATA

Since the information presented in the tables was based on a sample, it may differ somewhat from figures that would have been obtained if a complete census had been taken. Comparison of sample data with available actual data and with data from comparable prior studies shows the information to be quite reliable.

However, as with all sample data, care should be exercised in the interpretation of figures when based on a relatively small number of cases.

The food stamp survey is based upon a random sample selection process that yields first level data with a confidence level of 95 percent and a precision of plus or minus two percent.

IMPACT OF PRWORA

As noted in the *Foreword*, PRWORA limited the eligibility of food stamps for ABAWDS and legal immigrants. Since the law has now been in effect for six years, it may be instructive to compare the pre- and post-PRWORA periods to see what changes have taken place. In the 1993 survey, the final and most recent characteristics survey published prior to PRWORA, noncitizen food stamp households made up about 20 percent of the total; in FFY 2002, they comprised about 18 percent. As noted earlier, CFAP has apparently moderated what could have been a greater reduction among noncitizen households.

Such has not been the case for ABAWDS, however, which comprised nearly 68 percent of NAFS households in 1993. In FFY 2002, single-person NAFS households made up only 42.5 percent of NAFS households. (Also see Chart 30, which plots pre- and post-PRWORA periods versus unemployment.) Also noted in the FFY 2002 data is the continued decline in PAFS cases as a result of CalWORKs recipients timing out of the program pursuant to AB 1542.

RECIPIENT PROFILE

Like the population at large, the food stamp population has a wide range of social and economic characteristics. The following is a selection of some of the key characteristics of the households receiving food stamps. For comparison purposes, characteristics for 1993 (pre-PRWORA) are also presented.

	<u>2002</u>	<u>1993</u>
• Average age of head of household:	36.6 yrs.	34.6 yrs.
• Average age of child:	8.3 yrs.	7.7 yrs.
• Average number of persons per household:	2.7	2.7
• Average number of children per household:	1.8	N/A
• Percent of recipients that are U.S. citizens:	90.8%	86.2%
• Heads of household completing at least 12 years education:	55.2%	N/A
• Average F/S allotment per household:	\$199/mo.	\$160/mo.
• Percent of food stamp recipients that also received public assistance:	63.0%	70%
• Percent of food stamp households that also received public assistance:	49.8%	62%
• Ethnicity of the head of household:	33.8% Hispanic 30.1% White 25.0% Black 10.3% Other	30.4% 32.4% 24.4% 12.8%
• Ethnicity of the food stamp recipients:	46.4% Hispanic 20.7% White 18.8% Black 12.9% Other	N/A N/A N/A N/A
• Percent of single-person NAFS households:	42.5%	60.8%
• Roughly 25 percent of food stamp households have received food stamps for five years or more. Compared with all food stamp households, this subgroup:		N/A
- Had more earnings used to determine the food stamp allotment (\$593 versus \$526);		
- Had fewer people completing 12 or more years of education (46% versus 55%);		
- Had a larger average household size (3.2 members versus 2.7); and		
- Was more likely to be Hispanic and less likely to be Vietnamese.		

GENDER/ETHNICITY/CITIZENSHIP

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TABLE 1
GENDER OF THE HEAD OF THE FOOD STAMP HOUSEHOLD

GENDER	TOTAL HOUSEHOLDS		CLASSIFICATION			
			PUBLIC ASSISTANCE		NONASSISTANCE	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Total	<u>683,094</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>340,077</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>343,017</u>	<u>100.0</u>
Not Applicable ^{1/}	201,048	29.4	125,378	36.9	75,670	22.1
Head of Household:	<u>482,046</u>	70.6	<u>214,699</u>	63.1	<u>267,347</u>	77.9
Male	116,419	24.2	23,287	10.8	93,132	34.8
Female	363,877	75.5	191,412	89.2	172,465	64.5
Unknown	1,750	0.3	0	0.0	1,750	0.7

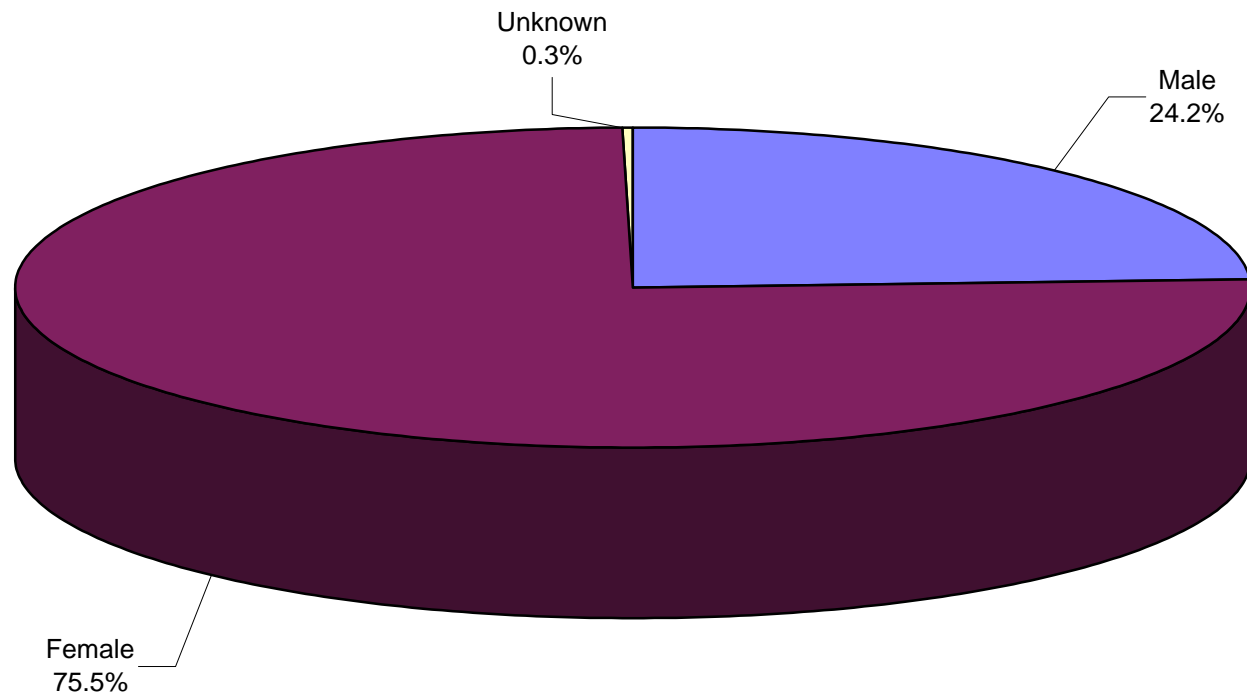
1/ "Not Applicable" refers to those households in which the parents or responsible household members were not designated as head of household or authorized representative due to their alien, SSI/SSP or other ineligible recipient status.

- The proportion of male heads of household increased nearly five percentage points since FFY 2001 when they comprised 19.3 percent of all heads of household.

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CHART 1

GENDER OF THE HEAD OF THE FOOD STAMP HOUSEHOLD



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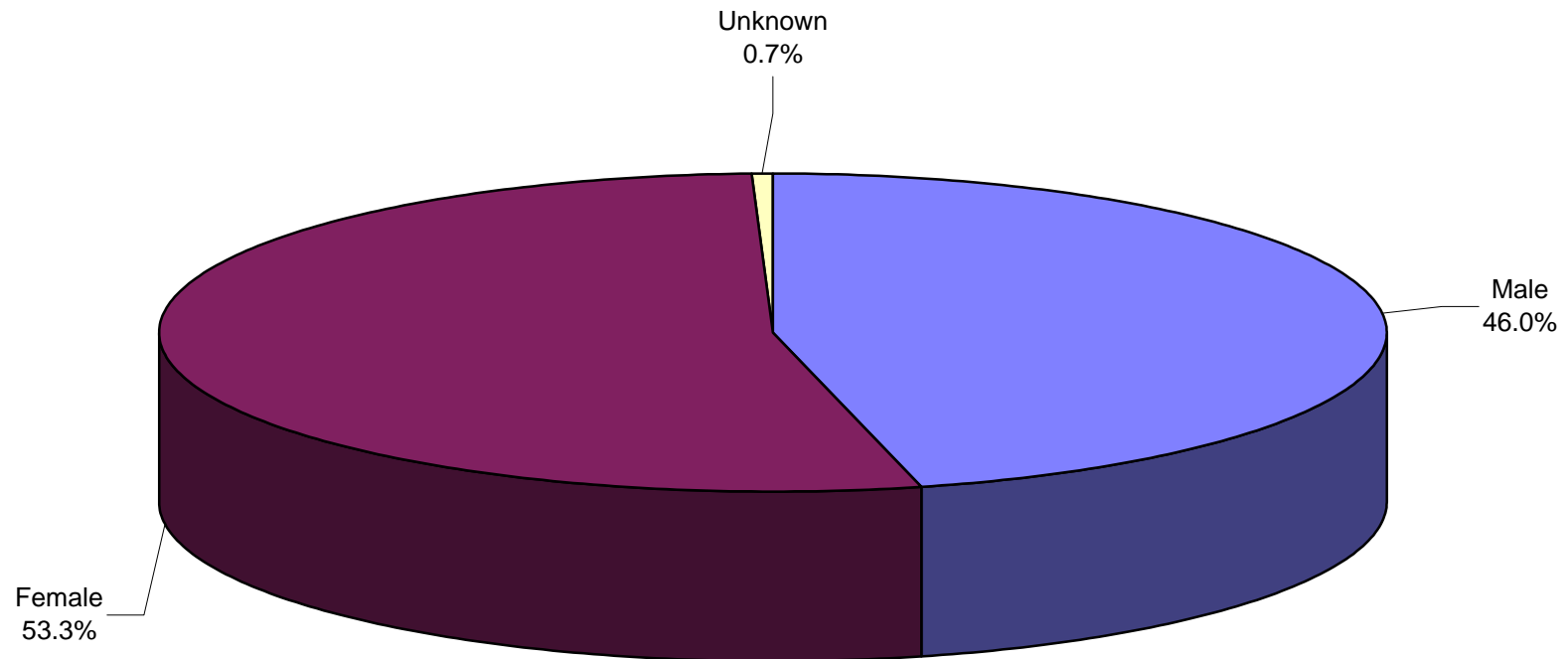
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GENDER	TOTAL RECIPIENTS		CLASSIFICATION			
			PUBLIC ASSISTANCE		NONASSISTANCE	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Total	<u>1,824,474</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>1,149,486</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>674,988</u>	<u>100.0</u>
Male	838,790	46.0	511,323	44.5	327,467	48.5
Female	973,282	53.3	637,549	55.5	335,733	49.7
Unknown	12,402	0.7	614	0.1	11,788	1.7

- The ratio of male to female food stamp recipients changed marginally, with the proportion of male recipients increasing by two percentage points since FFY 2001.

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CHART 2
GENDER OF THE FOOD STAMP RECIPIENTS



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TABLE 3
CITIZENSHIP STATUS OF THE HEAD OF THE FOOD STAMP HOUSEHOLD

CITIZENSHIP STATUS	TOTAL HOUSEHOLDS		CLASSIFICATION			
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Not Applicable ^{1/}	201,048	29.4	125,378	36.9	<u>75,670</u>	22.1
Head of Household:	<u>482,046</u>	70.6	<u>214,699</u>	63.1	<u>267,347</u>	77.9
Citizen	408,934	84.8	183,749	85.6	225,185	84.2
Noncitizen	71,275	14.8	30,863	14.4	40,412	15.1
Unknown	1,837	0.4	87	0.0	1,750	0.7

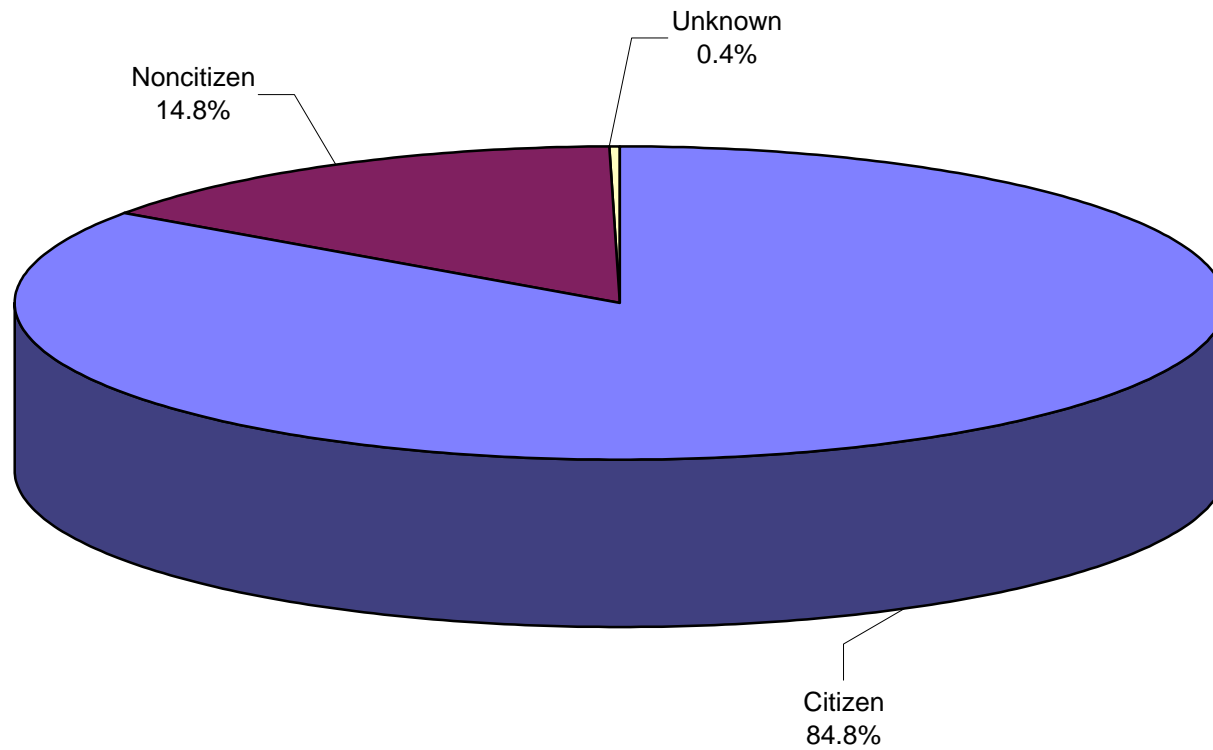
1/ "Not Applicable" refers to those households in which the parents or responsible household members were not designated as head of household or authorized representative due to their alien, SSI/SSP or other ineligible recipient status.

- The proportion of noncitizen heads of household decreased from 18.4 percent in FFY 2001 to 14.8 percent for FFY 2002.

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CHART 3

CITIZENSHIP STATUS OF THE HEAD OF THE FOOD STAMP HOUSEHOLD



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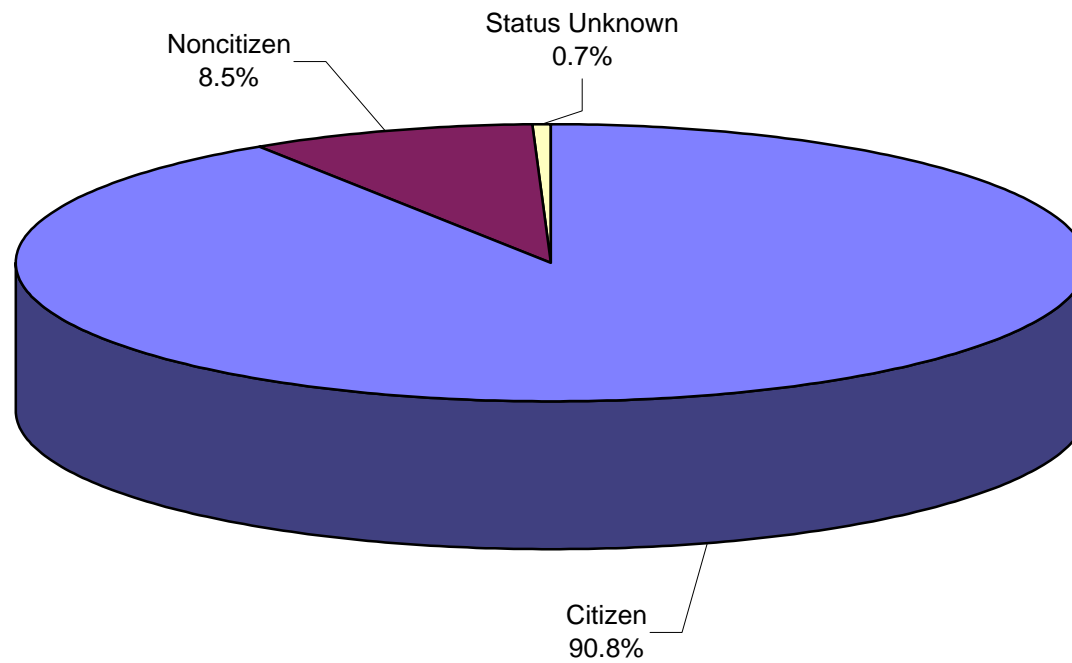
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Citizen	1,657,355	90.8	1,071,366	93.2	585,989	86.8
Noncitizen	154,630	8.5	77,419	6.7	77,211	11.4
Status Unknown	12,489	0.7	701	0.1	11,788	1.7

- Comparable with the reduction in noncitizen heads of household (Table 3), the proportion of noncitizen recipients decreased by roughly three percentage points since FFY 2001.

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CHART 4
CITIZENSHIP STATUS OF THE FOOD STAMP RECIPIENTS



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TABLE 5
ETHNICITY OF THE HEAD OF THE FOOD STAMP HOUSEHOLD

ETHNICITY	TOTAL HOUSEHOLDS		CLASSIFICATION			
			PUBLIC ASSISTANCE		NONASSISTANCE	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Total	<u>683,094</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>340,077</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>343,017</u>	<u>100.0</u>
Not Applicable ^{1/}	201,048	29.4	125,378	36.9	75,670	22.1
Head of Household:	<u>482,046</u>	70.6	<u>214,699</u>	63.1	<u>267,347</u>	77.9
Hispanic	163,170	33.8	74,363	34.6	88,807	33.2
White	145,314	30.1	65,667	30.6	79,647	29.8
Black	120,722	25.0	51,610	24.0	69,112	25.9
Vietnamese	17,473	3.6	9,122	4.2	8,351	3.1
Other Asian or Pacific Islander	32,282	6.7	13,833	6.4	18,449	6.9
Unknown	3,085	0.6	104	0.0	2,981	1.1

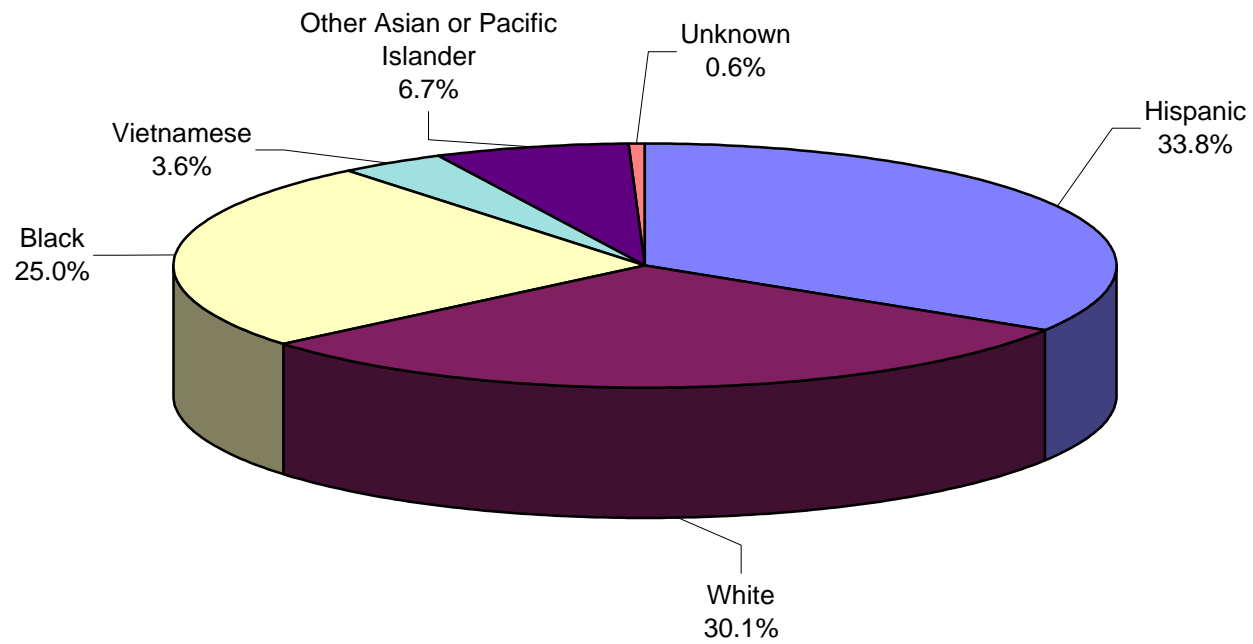
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- For total households, the proportion of each ethnicity remained virtually unchanged from that of FFY 2001; i.e., none varied more than .5 percentage points.

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CHART 5

ETHNICITY OF THE HEAD OF THE FOOD STAMP HOUSEHOLD



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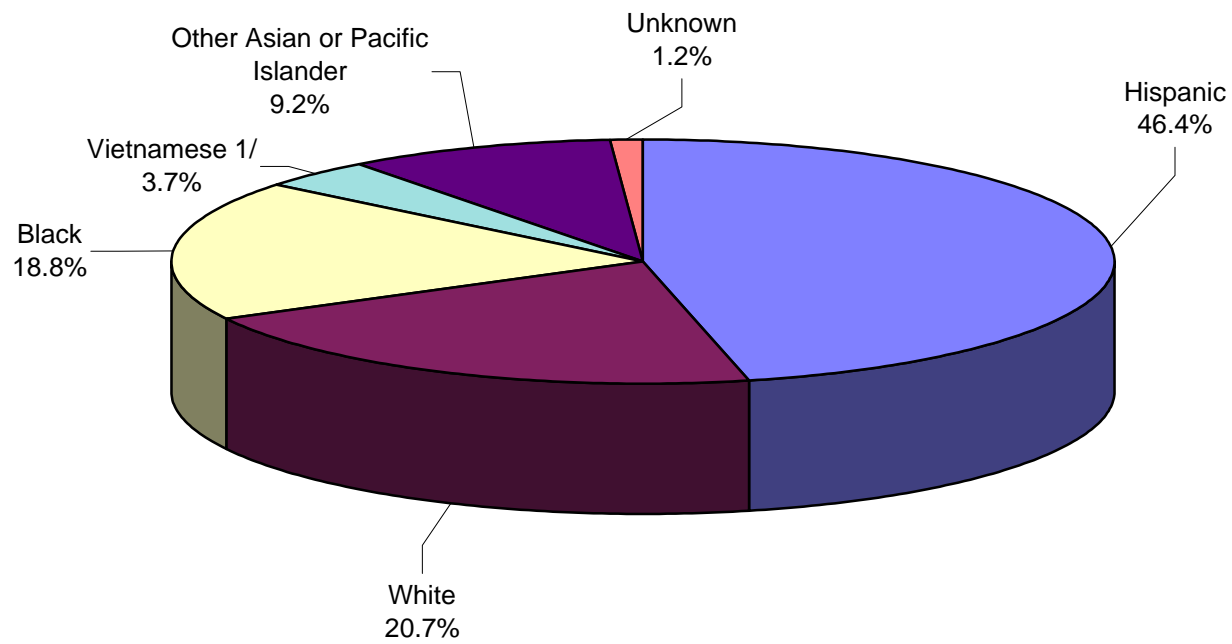
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Hispanic	847,364	46.4	520,713	45.3	326,651	48.4
White	376,919	20.7	236,830	20.6	140,089	20.8
Black	343,351	18.8	231,300	20.1	112,051	16.6
Vietnamese ^{1/}	67,902	3.7	49,307	4.3	18,595	2.8
Other Asian or Pacific Islander	167,499	9.2	109,831	9.6	57,668	8.5
Unknown	21,439	1.2	1,505	0.1	19,934	3.0

- At 46.4 percent, Hispanics continued to be the largest food stamp recipient group, exceeding the combined total of blacks, whites and Vietnamese (43.2 percent).

1/ "Vietnamese" is set out separately from the "Other Asian or Pacific Islander" category because it is the largest of a group comprising 13 different ethnicities/nationalities.

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CHART 6
ETHNICITY OF THE FOOD STAMP RECIPIENTS



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TABLE 7
REFUGEE STATUS OF THE HEAD OF THE FOOD STAMP HOUSEHOLD

REFUGEE STATUS	TOTAL HOUSEHOLDS		CLASSIFICATION			
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Head of Household:	<u>482,046</u>	70.6	<u>214,699</u>	63.1	<u>267,347</u>	77.9
Refugee	10,623	2.2	5,670	2.6	4,953	1.9
Nonrefugee	469,170	97.3	208,866	97.3	260,304	97.4
Status Unknown	2,253	0.5	163	0.1	2,090	0.8

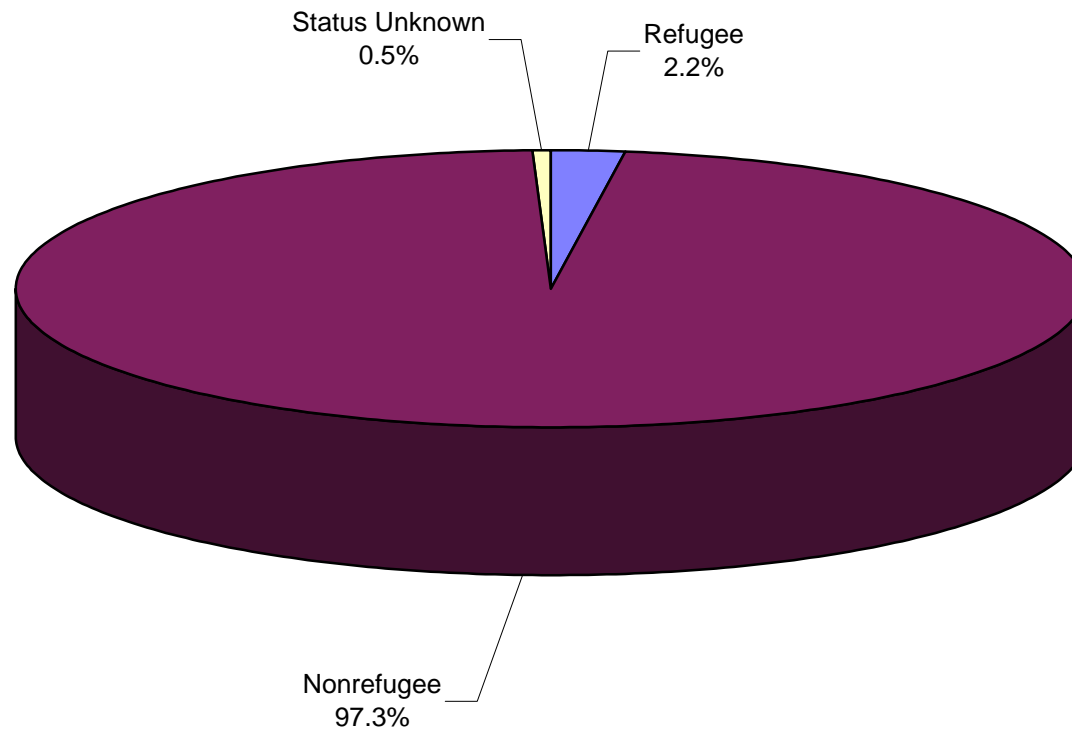
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- Heads of household with refugee status declined by two percentage points from FFY 2001, which is consistent with the decrease in noncitizens noted in Tables 3 and 4.

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CHART 7

REFUGEE STATUS OF THE HEAD OF THE FOOD STAMP HOUSEHOLD



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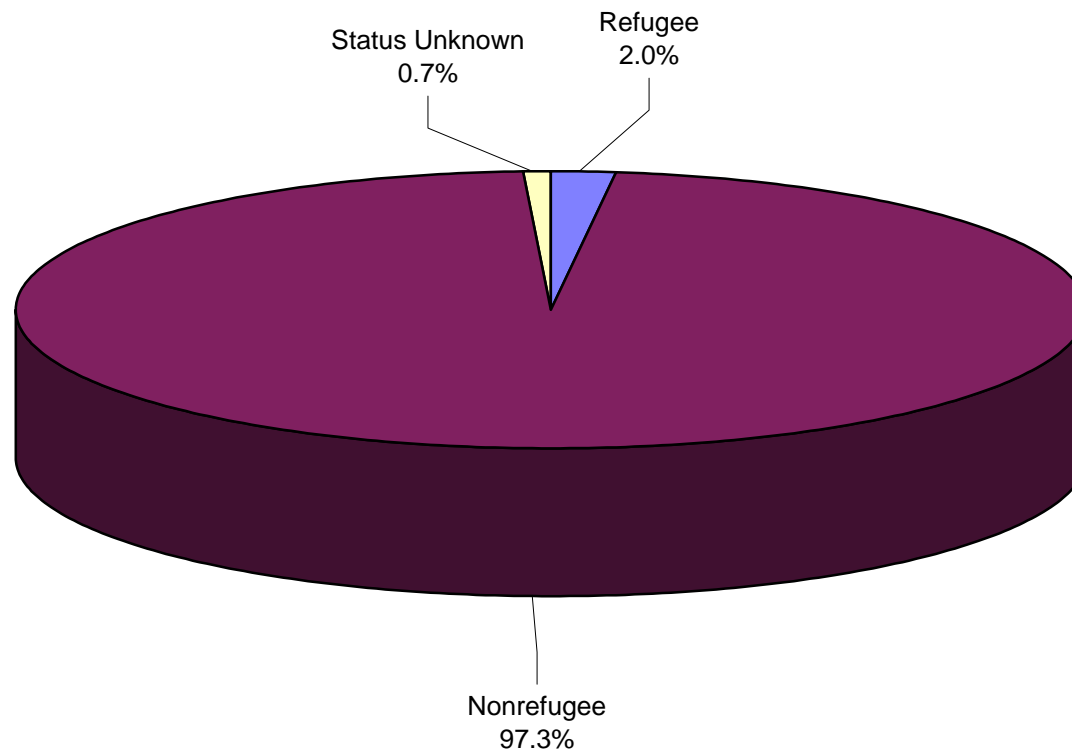
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Refugee	37,171	2.0	25,108	2.2	12,063	1.8
Nonrefugee	1,774,435	97.3	1,123,526	97.7	650,909	96.4
Status Unknown	12,868	0.7	852	0.1	12,016	1.8

- Food stamp recipients with refugee status decreased from roughly 63,000 in FFY 2001 when they comprised 3.5 percent of total recipients, to just over 37,000 in FFY 2002 comprising 2 percent of recipients.

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CHART 8

REFUGEE STATUS OF THE FOOD STAMP RECIPIENTS



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AGE/HOUSEHOLD SIZE

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TABLE 9
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Under 20 Years	27,482	5.7	17,175	8.0	10,307	3.9
20 - 29 Years	129,669	26.9	70,980	33.1	58,689	22.0
30 - 39 Years	136,069	28.2	72,755	33.9	63,314	23.7
40 - 49 Years	106,046	22.0	40,519	18.9	65,527	24.5
50 - 59 Years	55,069	11.4	12,730	5.9	42,339	15.8
60 - 64 Years	14,117	2.9	306	0.1	13,811	5.2
65 Years and Older	13,398	2.8	83	0.0	13,315	5.0
Age Unknown	196	0.0	151	0.1	45	0.0
Avg. Age of Head of HH (Years)	36.6		32.1		40.1	

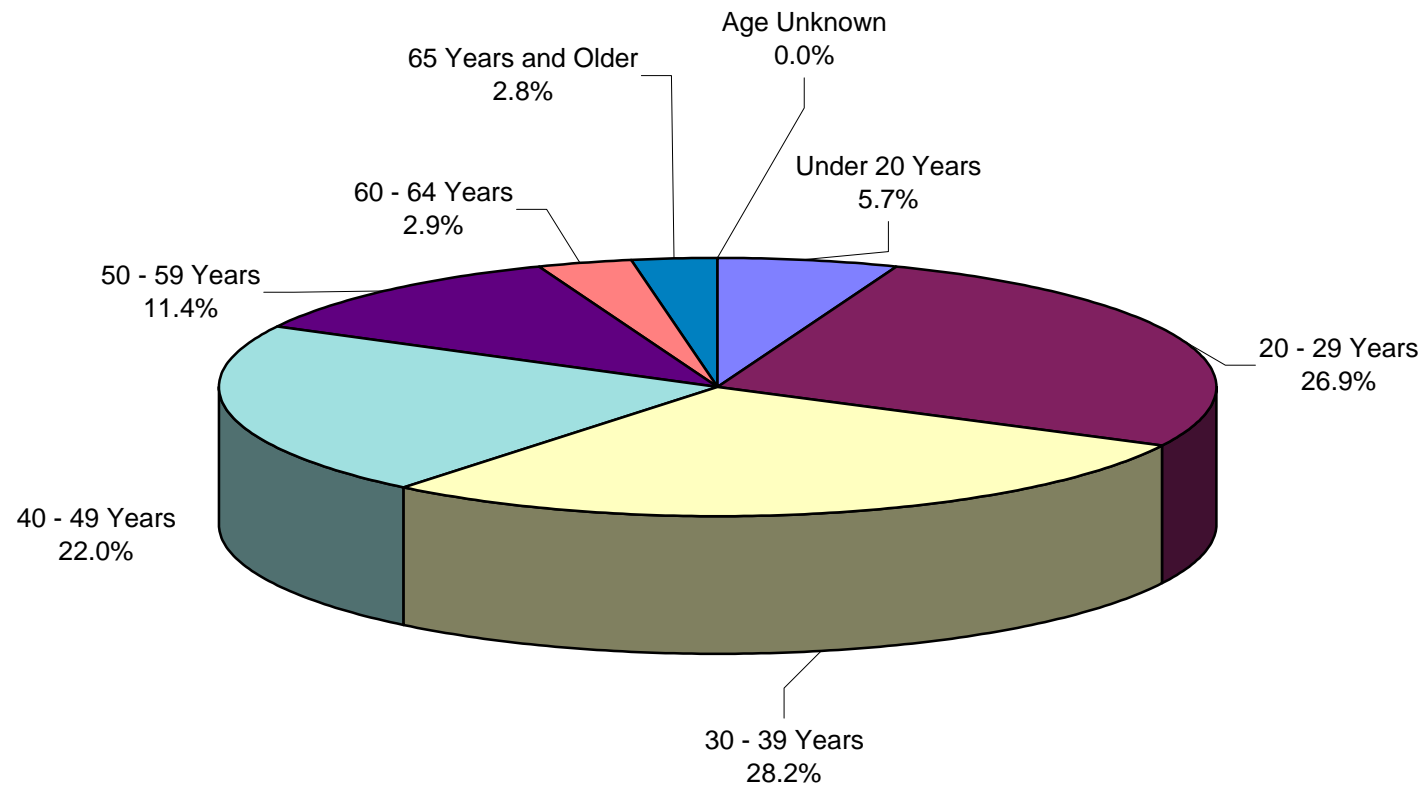
1/ "Not Applicable" refers to those households in which the parents or responsible household members were not designated as head of household or authorized representative due to their alien, SSI/SSP or other ineligible recipient status.

- The average age of the head of the food stamp household was virtually unchanged from FFY 2001 when it was 36.1 years.
- Approximately 77 percent of heads of household were between 20 - 49 years of age during FFY 2002.

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CHART 9

AGE OF THE HEAD OF THE FOOD STAMP HOUSEHOLD



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TABLE 10
AGE OF CHILDREN OF THE FOOD STAMP RECIPIENTS

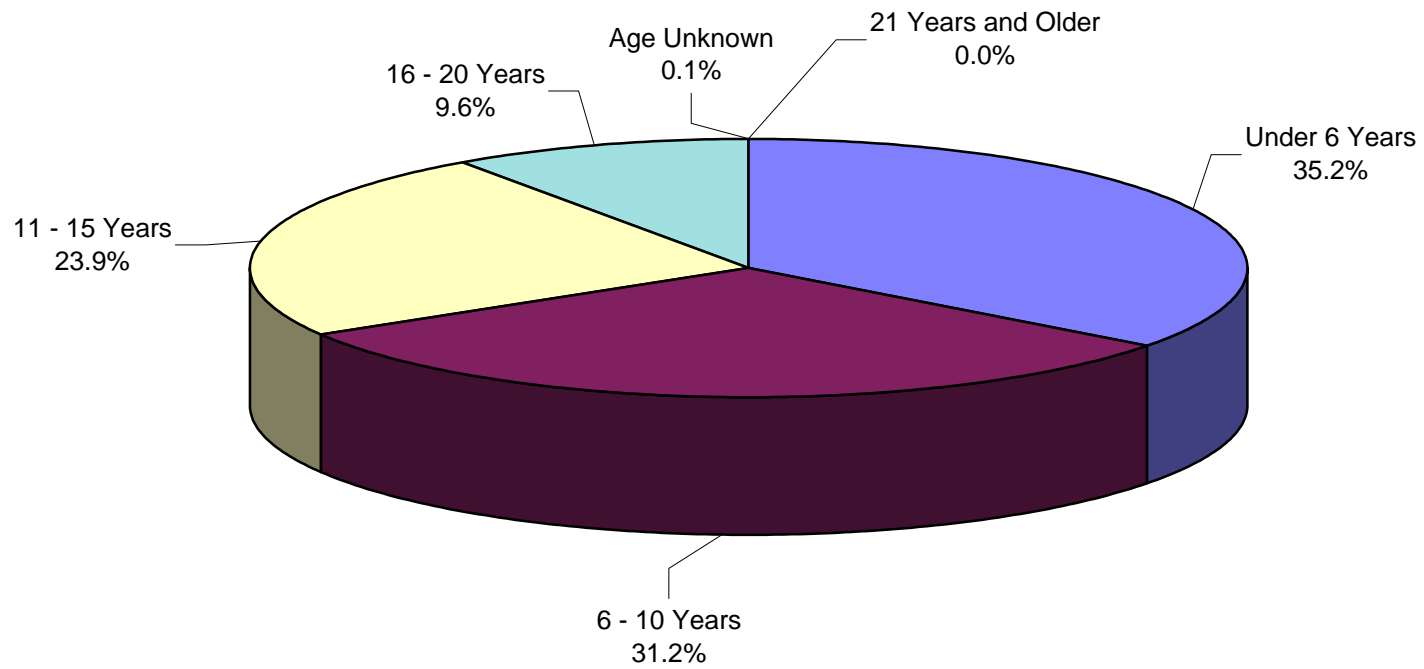
AGE	TOTAL RECIPIENTS		CLASSIFICATION			
			PUBLIC ASSISTANCE		NONASSISTANCE	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Total	<u>1,824,474</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>1,149,486</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>674,988</u>	<u>100.0</u>
Adults in the F/S Household	577,119	31.6	289,193	25.2	287,926	42.7
Children in the F/S Household:	<u>1,247,355</u>	68.4 <u>100.0</u>	<u>860,293</u>	74.8 <u>100.0</u>	<u>387,062</u>	57.3 <u>100.0</u>
Under 6 Years	438,852	35.2	267,989	31.2	170,863	44.1
6 - 10 Years	389,733	31.2	291,883	33.9	97,850	25.3
11 - 15 Years	298,440	23.9	226,780	26.4	71,660	18.5
16 - 20 Years	119,273	9.6	72,784	8.5	46,489	12.0
21 Years and Older	311	0.0	271	0.0	40	0.0
Age Unknown	746	0.1	586	0.1	160	0.0
Average Age of Child (Years)	8.3		8.6		7.5	

- The average age of 8.3 years for recipient children has remained virtually unchanged since FFY 1999. In FFY 1998, it was 7.6 years.
- Thirty-five percent of all recipient children were under six years old during FFY 2002.

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CHART 10

AGE OF CHILDREN OF THE FOOD STAMP RECIPIENTS



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TABLE 11
ELDERLY OR DISABLED STATUS OF THE HEAD OF THE FOOD STAMP HOUSEHOLD

ELDERLY OR DISABLED STATUS	TOTAL HOUSEHOLDS		CLASSIFICATION			
			PUBLIC ASSISTANCE		NONASSISTANCE	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Total	<u>683,094</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>340,077</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>343,017</u>	<u>100.0</u>
Not Applicable ^{1/}	201,048	29.4	125,378	36.9	75,670	22.1
Head of Household: ^{2/}	<u>482,046</u>	70.6	<u>214,699</u>	63.1	<u>267,347</u>	77.9
Elderly ^{3/}	27,516	5.7	389	0.2	27,127	10.1
Disabled ^{4/}	80,363	16.7	15,345	7.1	65,018	24.3
Not Elderly or Disabled	384,669	79.8	202,505	94.3	182,164	68.1

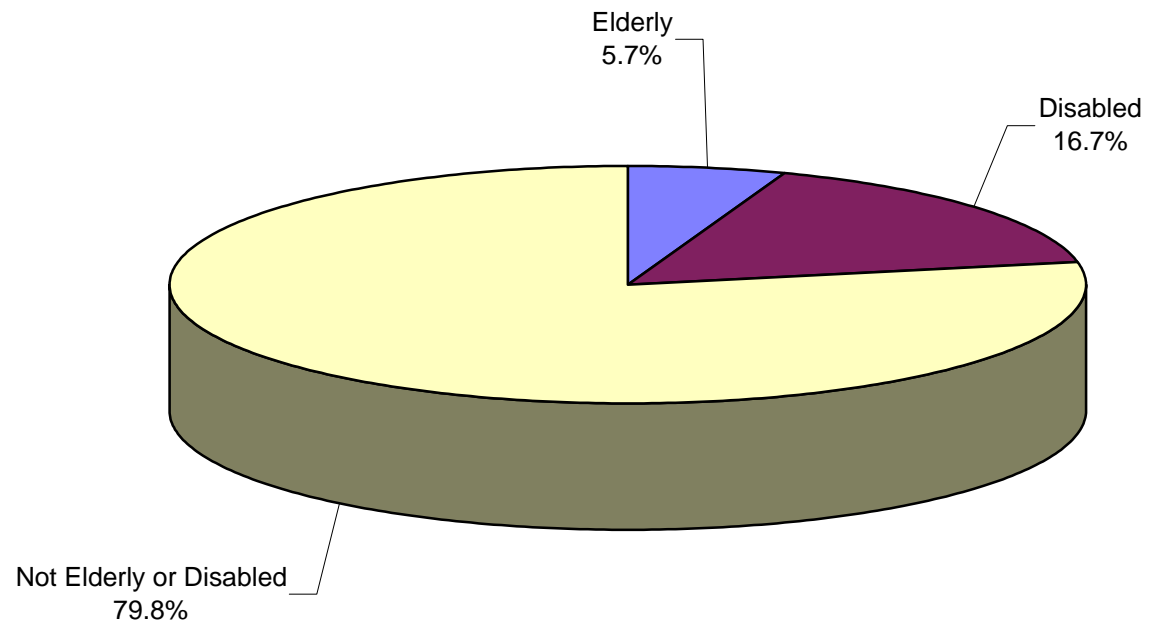
- 1/ "Not Applicable" refers to those households in which the parents or responsible household members were not designated as head of household or authorized representative due to their alien, SSI/SSP or other ineligible recipient status.
- 2/ Because a case may have more than one of the listed characteristics, the sum of the corresponding numbers exceeds the total number of heads of household. The corresponding percentages are calculated to that subtotal.
- 3/ Those aged 60 and over are considered elderly for food stamp purposes.
- 4/ The "Disabled" category includes those who are deemed physically/mentally unfit for employment.

- The nonassistance "Elderly" category increased from 7.9 percent in FFY 2001 to 10.1 percent for FFY 2002.

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CHART 11

ELDERLY OR DISABLED STATUS OF THE HEAD OF THE FOOD STAMP HOUSEHOLD



Note: See footnote 2/, Table 11.

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TABLE 12
NUMBER OF PERSONS IN THE FOOD STAMP HOUSEHOLD

PERSONS IN HOUSEHOLD	TOTAL HOUSEHOLDS		CLASSIFICATION			
			PUBLIC ASSISTANCE		NONASSISTANCE	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Total	<u>683,094</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>340,077</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>343,017</u>	<u>100.0</u>
One Person	193,937	28.4	48,275	14.2	145,662	42.5
Two Persons	173,700	25.4	117,078	34.4	56,622	16.5
Three Persons	141,021	20.6	86,885	25.5	54,136	15.8
Four Persons	82,891	12.1	45,126	13.3	37,765	11.0
Five Persons	53,843	7.9	25,539	7.5	28,304	8.3
Six or More Persons	37,702	5.5	17,174	5.1	20,528	6.0
Avg./Median Number of Persons	2.7 / 2.0		2.8 / 3.0		2.5 / 2.0	

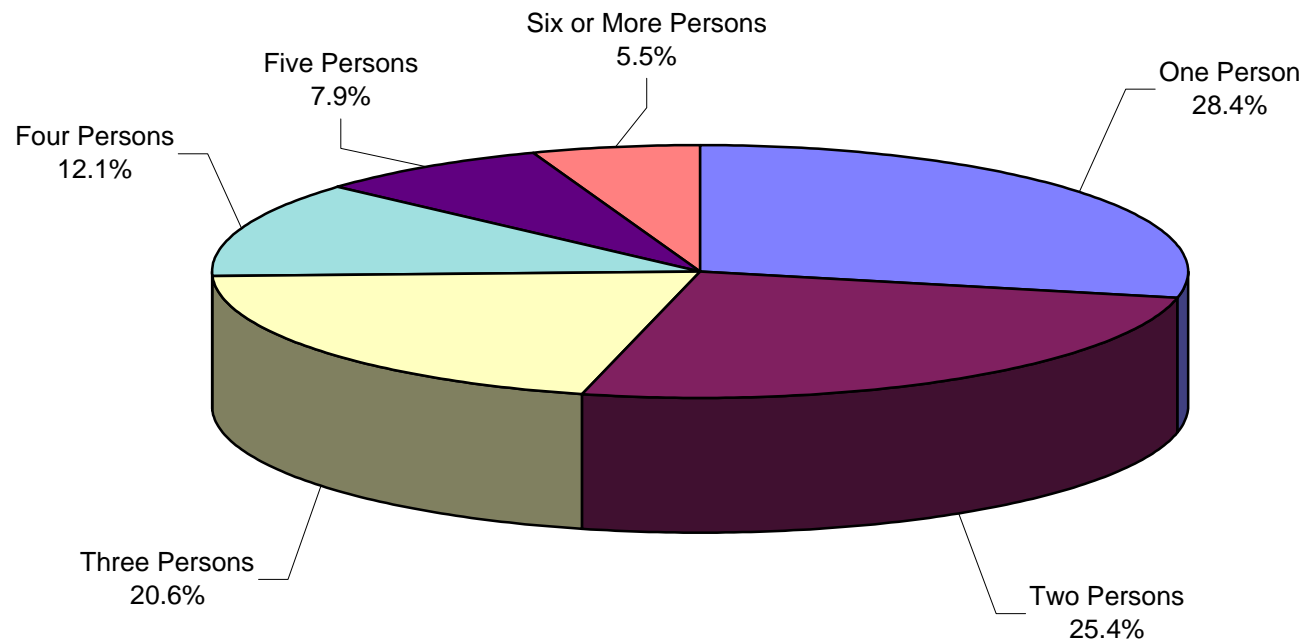
- The number of persons in the food stamp household has remained virtually the same since FFY 1998, averaging between 2.7 - 2.8 persons.
- Single-person households were the largest group of nonassistance households, while two-person households were the largest group of public assistance households.

Note: The food stamp household size may differ from the actual family size.

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CHART 12

NUMBER OF PERSONS IN THE FOOD STAMP HOUSEHOLD



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TABLE 12a

NUMBER OF CHILDREN IN THE FOOD STAMP HOUSEHOLD

CHILDREN IN HOUSEHOLD	TOTAL HOUSEHOLDS		CLASSIFICATION			
			PUBLIC ASSISTANCE		NONASSISTANCE	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Total	<u>683,094</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>340,077</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>343,017</u>	<u>100.0</u>
No Children	129,910	19.0	2,447	0.7	127,463	37.2
One Child	194,799	28.5	134,630	39.6	60,169	17.5
Two Children	168,303	24.6	104,185	30.6	64,118	18.7
Three Children	105,235	15.4	54,425	16.0	50,810	14.8
Four Children	50,581	7.4	26,386	7.8	24,195	7.1
Five Children	20,654	3.0	10,229	3.0	10,425	3.0
Six or More Children	13,612	2.0	7,775	2.3	5,837	1.7
Avg./Median Number of Children	1.8 / 2.0		2.1 / 2.0		1.5 / 1.0	

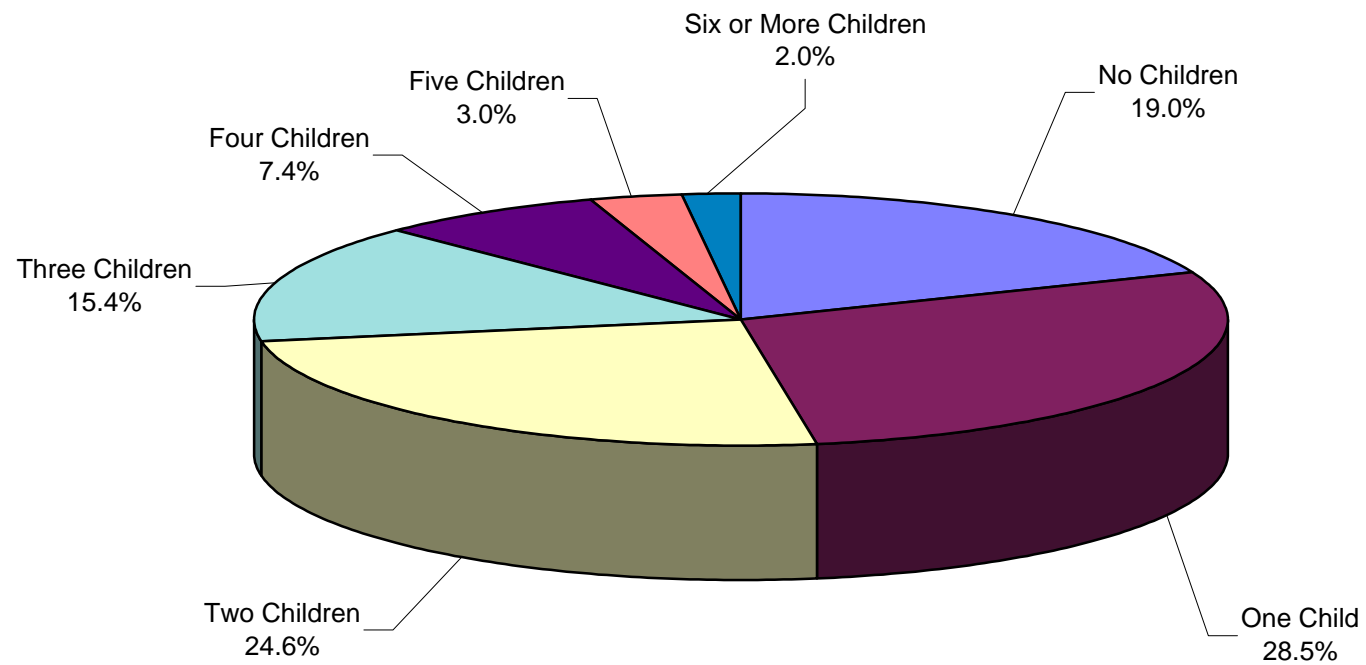
- Approximately 99 percent of public assistance households had at least one child in the household versus 63 percent of nonassistance households.
- Households with three or more children were about as common in nonassistance households as in public assistance households.

Note: The food stamp household size may differ from the actual family size.

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CHART 12a

NUMBER OF CHILDREN IN THE FOOD STAMP HOUSEHOLD



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TABLE 13
NUMBER OF PERSONS IN THE SAME LIVING QUARTERS
NOT INCLUDED IN THE FOOD STAMP HOUSEHOLD

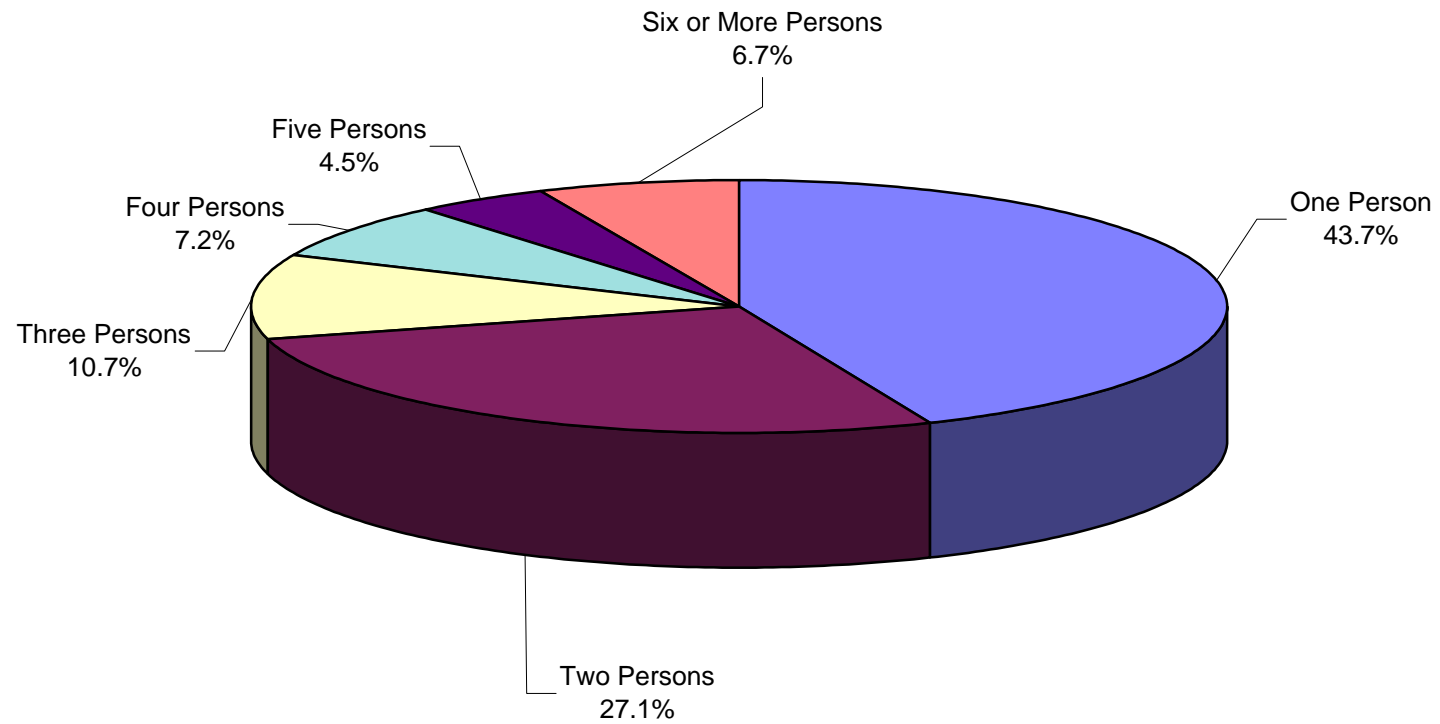
HOUSEHOLDS WITH OTHER PERSONS	TOTAL HOUSEHOLDS		CLASSIFICATION			
	Number	Percent	PUBLIC ASSISTANCE		NONASSISTANCE	
			Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Total	<u>683,094</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>340,077</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>343,017</u>	<u>100.0</u>
Households With No Other Persons	339,223	49.7	148,836	43.8	190,387	55.5
Households With Other Persons:	<u>343,871</u>	50.3 <u>100.0</u>	<u>191,241</u>	56.2 <u>100.0</u>	<u>152,630</u>	44.5 <u>100.0</u>
One Person	150,430	43.7	83,555	43.7	66,875	43.8
Two Persons	93,187	27.1	53,494	28.0	39,693	26.0
Three Persons	36,956	10.7	19,304	10.1	17,652	11.6
Four Persons	24,752	7.2	15,781	8.3	8,971	5.9
Five Persons	15,432	4.5	6,335	3.3	9,097	6.0
Six or More Persons	23,114	6.7	12,772	6.7	10,342	6.8
Average Number of Other Persons	2.3		2.3		2.3	

- The 2.3 average number of persons in the same living quarters (not included in the food stamp household) was identical to the amount reported for FFY 2001.
- The proportion of households with no other persons (49.7 percent) is nearly four percentage points higher than that reported for FFY 2001 (45.8 percent).

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CHART 13

NUMBER OF PERSONS IN THE SAME LIVING QUARTERS NOT INCLUDED IN THE FOOD STAMP HOUSEHOLD



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INCOME

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TABLE 14
SOURCE OF UNEARNED INCOME

INCOME SOURCE	TOTAL HOUSEHOLDS			CLASSIFICATION					
				PUBLIC ASSISTANCE			NONASSISTANCE		
	Number	Percent	Avg./Med.	Number	Percent	Avg./Med.	Number	Percent	Avg./Med.
Total	683,094	100.0		340,077	100.0		343,017	100.0	
No Unearned Income	142,291	20.8		12,361	3.6		129,930	37.9	
Unearned Income: ^{1/}	540,803	79.2	100.0	327,716	96.4	100.0	213,087	62.1	100.0
Public Assistance Grant	434,272	80.3	\$521 / \$540	326,247	99.6	\$521 / \$548	108,025	50.7	\$518 / \$521
Gen. Asstl/Gen. Relief	60,857	11.3	\$231 / \$221	0	0.0	\$0 / \$0	60,857	28.6	\$231 / \$221
Workers Compensation	5,228	1.0	\$788 / \$680	1,447	0.4	\$674 / \$680	3,781	1.8	\$832 / \$865
Social Security	8,120	1.5	\$620 / \$632	1,826	0.6	\$635 / \$632	6,294	3.0	\$615 / \$643
Unemployment Comp.	24,632	4.6	\$538 / \$510	5,579	1.7	\$404 / \$404	19,053	8.9	\$577 / \$568
Other Unearned Inc. ^{2/}	40,038	7.4	\$485 / \$465	9,798	3.0	\$217 / \$110	30,240	14.2	\$571 / \$632

1/ Because a case may fall into more than one of the listed categories, the sum of the corresponding numbers exceeds the Unearned Income subtotal. The corresponding percentages are calculated to that subtotal.

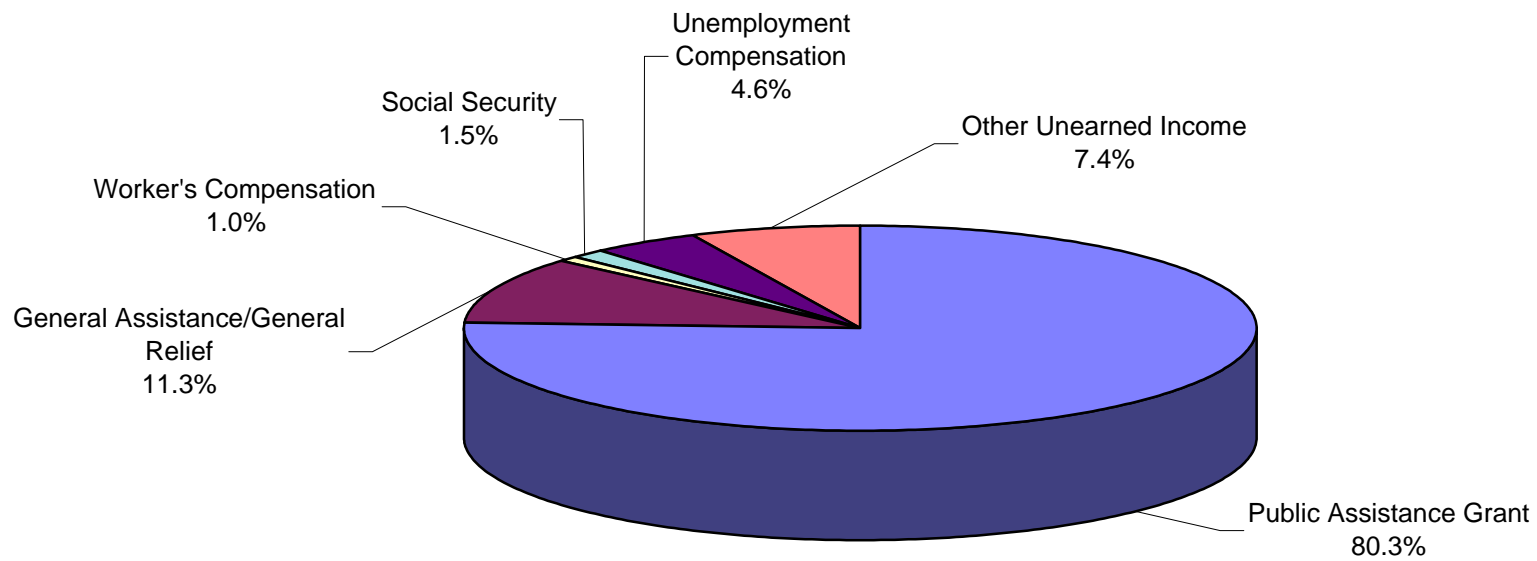
2/ Includes government and non-government disability, pensions, alimony, deemed income, and veterans benefits.

- The average amount of the public assistance grant, \$521, is a slight change from the \$524 reported for FFY 2001 and remains the primary source of unearned income for food stamp recipients.
- Nonassistance households collecting workers compensation showed the greatest average increase in unearned income--from \$470 in FFY 2001 to \$832 for FFY 2002.

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CHART 14

SOURCE OF UNEARNED INCOME



Note: See footnote 1/, Table 14.

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TABLE 15
SOURCE OF EARNED INCOME

INCOME SOURCE	TOTAL HOUSEHOLDS			CLASSIFICATION					
				PUBLIC ASSISTANCE			NONASSISTANCE		
	Number	Percent	Avg./Med.	Number	Percent	Avg./Med.	Number	Percent	Avg./Med.
Total	683,094	100.0		340,077	100.0		343,017	100.0	
No Earned Income	450,151	65.9		221,296	65.1		228,855	66.7	
Earned Income: ^{1/}	232,943	34.1	100.0 \$834 / \$790	118,782	34.9	100.0 \$799 / \$785	114,161	33.3	100.0 \$869 / \$800
Salary/Wages	221,162	94.9	\$840 / \$819	111,985	94.3	\$802 / \$819	109,177	95.6	\$879 / \$840
Self-Employment	12,600	5.4	\$561 / \$429	6,590	5.5	\$584 / \$200	6,010	5.3	\$536 / \$450
Other Earned Income	2,086	0.9	\$638 / \$673	1,765	1.5	\$728 / \$673	321	0.3	\$143 / \$150

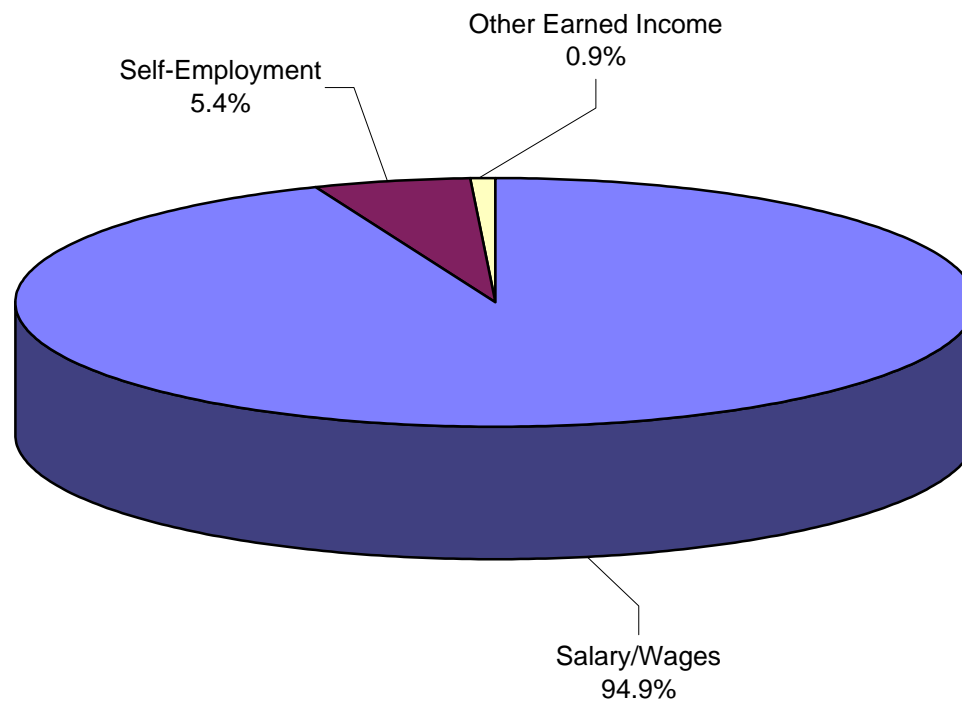
1/ Because a case may have more than one of the listed characteristics, the sum of the corresponding numbers exceeds the subtotal. The corresponding percentages are calculated to that subtotal.

- Total earned income for FFY 2002 averaged \$834 per month. While this was \$59 more than the \$775 reported for FFY 2001, it represented only a \$39 inflation-adjusted increase in real purchasing power.^{2/}
- Approximately 95 percent of earned income came from salaries and wages versus 98 percent for FFY 2001.

2/ Earned income data were supplemented by data from the Employment Development Department wage file. Also, when comparing inflation-adjusted data in this table to FFY 2001 Table 15, note that the California inflation rate was 3.9 percent during 2001 versus 2.4 percent during 2002.

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CHART 15
SOURCE OF EARNED INCOME



Note: See footnote 1/, Table 15.

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TABLE 16

NET INCOME USED TO DETERMINE THE FOOD STAMP ALLOTMENT

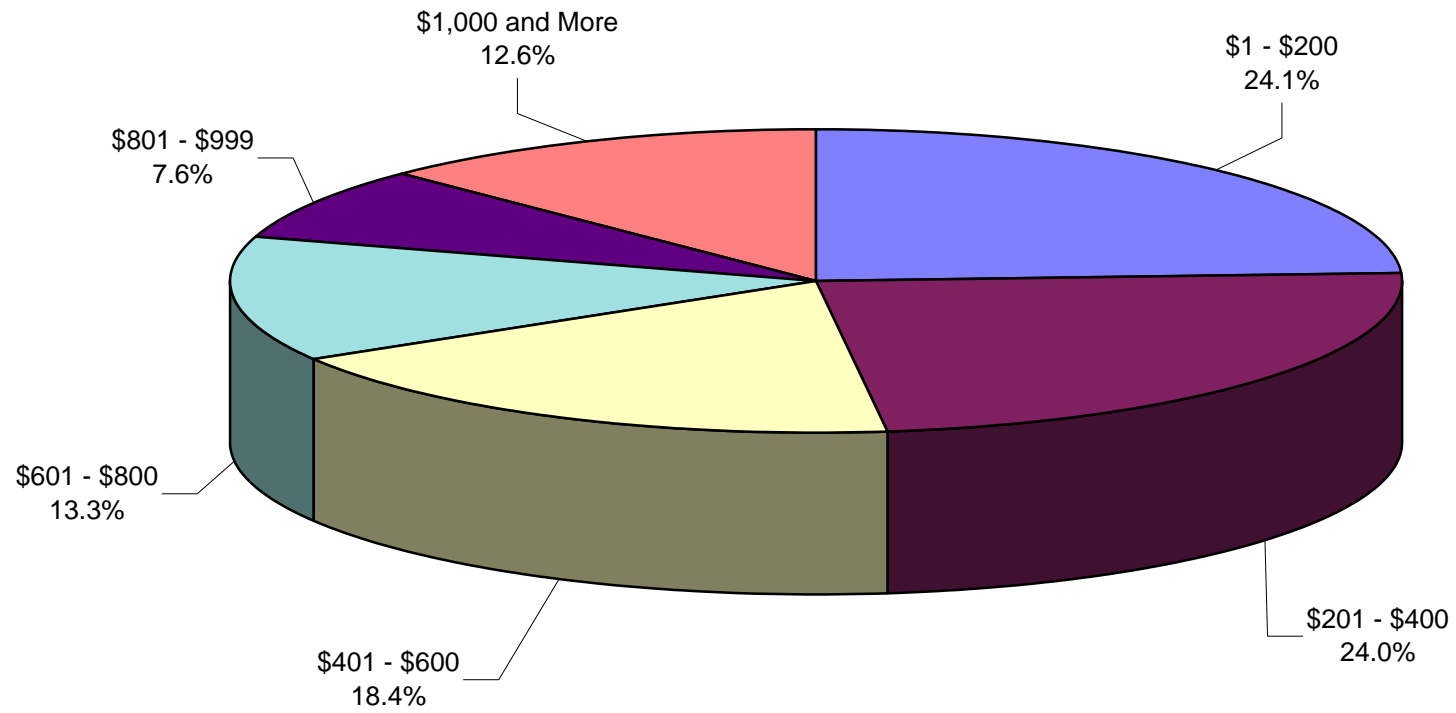
NET INCOME	TOTAL HOUSEHOLDS		CLASSIFICATION			
			PUBLIC ASSISTANCE		NONASSISTANCE	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Total	<u>683,094</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>340,077</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>343,017</u>	<u>100.0</u>
No Net Income	124,727	18.3	26,103	7.7	98,624	28.8
Net Income:	<u>558,367</u>	81.7 <u>100.0</u>	<u>313,974</u>	92.3 <u>100.0</u>	<u>244,393</u>	71.2 <u>100.0</u>
\$1 - \$200	134,553	24.1	61,665	19.6	72,888	29.8
\$201 - \$400	134,039	24.0	84,763	27.0	49,276	20.2
\$401 - \$600	102,504	18.4	65,537	20.9	36,967	15.1
\$601 - \$800	74,293	13.3	43,390	13.8	30,903	12.6
\$801 - \$999	42,484	7.6	21,889	7.0	20,595	8.4
\$1,000 and More	70,494	12.6	36,730	11.7	33,764	13.8
Avg./Median Amount of Net Income	\$526 / \$414		\$524 / \$414		\$528 / \$400	

- For total households, the average amount of net income used to determine the food stamp allotment increased from \$500 in FFY 2001 to \$526 for FFY 2002. Adjusted for inflation, this amounted to an increase of \$14 in real purchasing power. PAFS households experienced a \$17 inflation-adjusted increase in real purchasing power while NAFS households experienced a \$3 increase.

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NET INCOME USED TO DETERMINE THE FOOD STAMP ALLOTMENT



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TABLE 17
STUDENT STATUS OF THE HEAD OF THE FOOD STAMP HOUSEHOLD

STUDENT STATUS	TOTAL HOUSEHOLDS		CLASSIFICATION			
			PUBLIC ASSISTANCE		NONASSISTANCE	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Total	<u>683,094</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>340,077</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>343,017</u>	<u>100.0</u>
Not Applicable ^{1/}	201,048	29.4	125,378	36.9	75,670	22.1
Head of Household:	<u>482,046</u>	70.6	<u>214,699</u>	63.1	<u>267,347</u>	77.9
Student	50,182	10.4	32,442	15.1	17,740	6.6
Nonstudent	428,679	88.9	182,053	84.8	246,626	92.2
Unknown	3,185	0.7	204	0.1	2,981	1.1

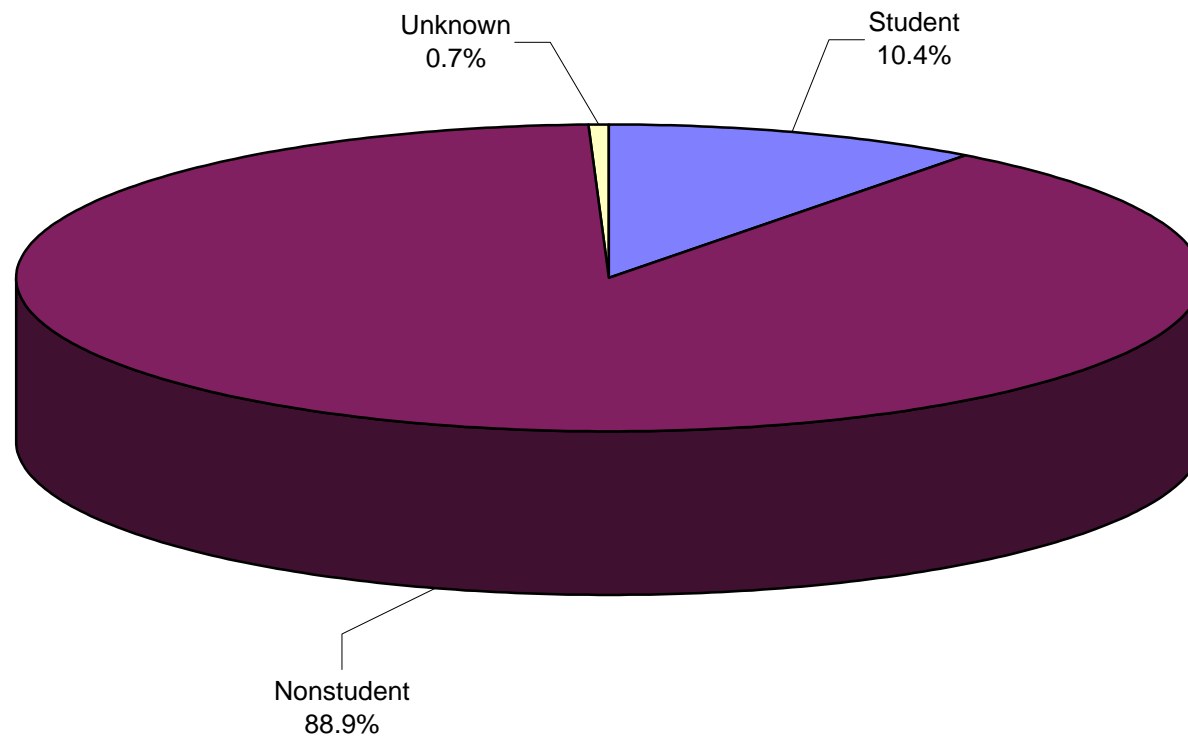
1/ "Not Applicable" refers to those households in which the parents or responsible household members were not designated as head of household or authorized representative due to their alien, SSI/SSP or other ineligible recipient status.

- The percentage of heads of public assistance households that were students increased from 10.9 percent in FFY 2001 to 15.1 percent for FFY 2002.

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CHART 17

STUDENT STATUS OF THE HEAD OF THE FOOD STAMP HOUSEHOLD



Note: See footnote 1/, Table 17.

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TABLE 18
EDUCATION LEVEL OF THE HEAD OF THE FOOD STAMP HOUSEHOLD

EDUCATION LEVEL	TOTAL HOUSEHOLDS		CLASSIFICATION			
			PUBLIC ASSISTANCE		NONASSISTANCE	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Total	<u>683,094</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>340,077</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>343,017</u>	<u>100.0</u>
Not Applicable ^{1/}	201,048	29.4	125,378	36.9	75,670	22.1
Head of Household:	<u>482,046</u>	70.6	<u>214,699</u>	63.1	<u>267,347</u>	77.9
No Education	12,483	2.6	6,360	3.0	6,123	2.3
Grades 1 -5	26,962	5.6	12,424	5.8	14,538	5.4
Grades 6 - 8	43,316	9.0	17,839	8.3	25,477	9.5
Grades 9 - 11	125,076	25.9	58,494	27.2	66,582	24.9
Grade 12 and Over	265,997	55.2	119,183	55.5	146,814	54.9
Level Unknown	8,212	1.7	399	0.2	7,813	2.9

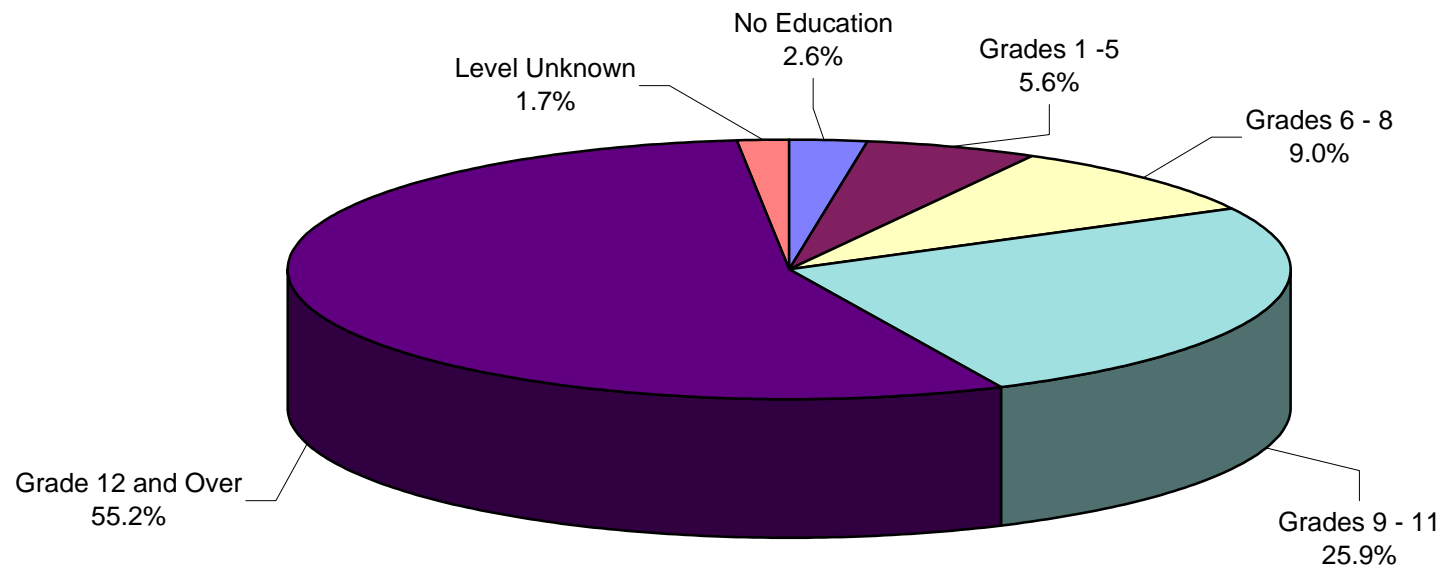
1/ "Not Applicable" refers to those households in which the parents or responsible household members were not designated as head of household or authorized representative due to their alien, SSI/SSP or other ineligible recipient status.

- Public assistance heads of household finishing 12 or more years of education rose from 48.1 percent in FFY 2001 to 55.5 percent for FFY 2002. Overall, those completing 12 or more years of education rose 5.1 percentage points to 55.2 percent.

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EDUCATION LEVEL OF THE HEAD OF THE FOOD STAMP HOUSEHOLD



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TABLE 18a
ETHNICITY OF THE HEAD OF THE FOOD STAMP HOUSEHOLD WITH
LESS THAN 12 YEARS OF EDUCATION

EDUCATION BY ETHNICITY	TOTAL HOUSEHOLDS		CLASSIFICATION			
			PUBLIC ASSISTANCE		NONASSISTANCE	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Total	<u>683,094</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>340,077</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>343,017</u>	<u>100.0</u>
Not Applicable ^{1/}	201,048	29.4	125,378	36.9	75,670	22.1
Head of Household:	<u>482,046</u>	70.6 <u>100.0</u>	<u>214,699</u>	63.1 <u>100.0</u>	<u>267,347</u>	77.9 <u>100.0</u>
Grade 12 and Over	265,997	55.2	119,183	55.5	146,814	54.9
Education Unknown	8,212	1.7	399	0.2	7,813	2.9
Less than 12 Years:	<u>207,837</u>	43.1 <u>100.0</u>	<u>95,118</u>	44.3 <u>100.0</u>	<u>112,719</u>	42.2 <u>100.0</u>
Hispanic	102,036	49.1	44,327	46.6	57,709	51.2
White	38,926	18.7	22,188	23.3	16,738	14.8
Black	37,382	18.0	14,003	14.7	23,379	20.7
Vietnamese	11,018	5.3	6,464	6.8	4,554	4.0
Other Asian or Pacific Islander	18,475	8.9	8,136	8.6	10,339	9.2

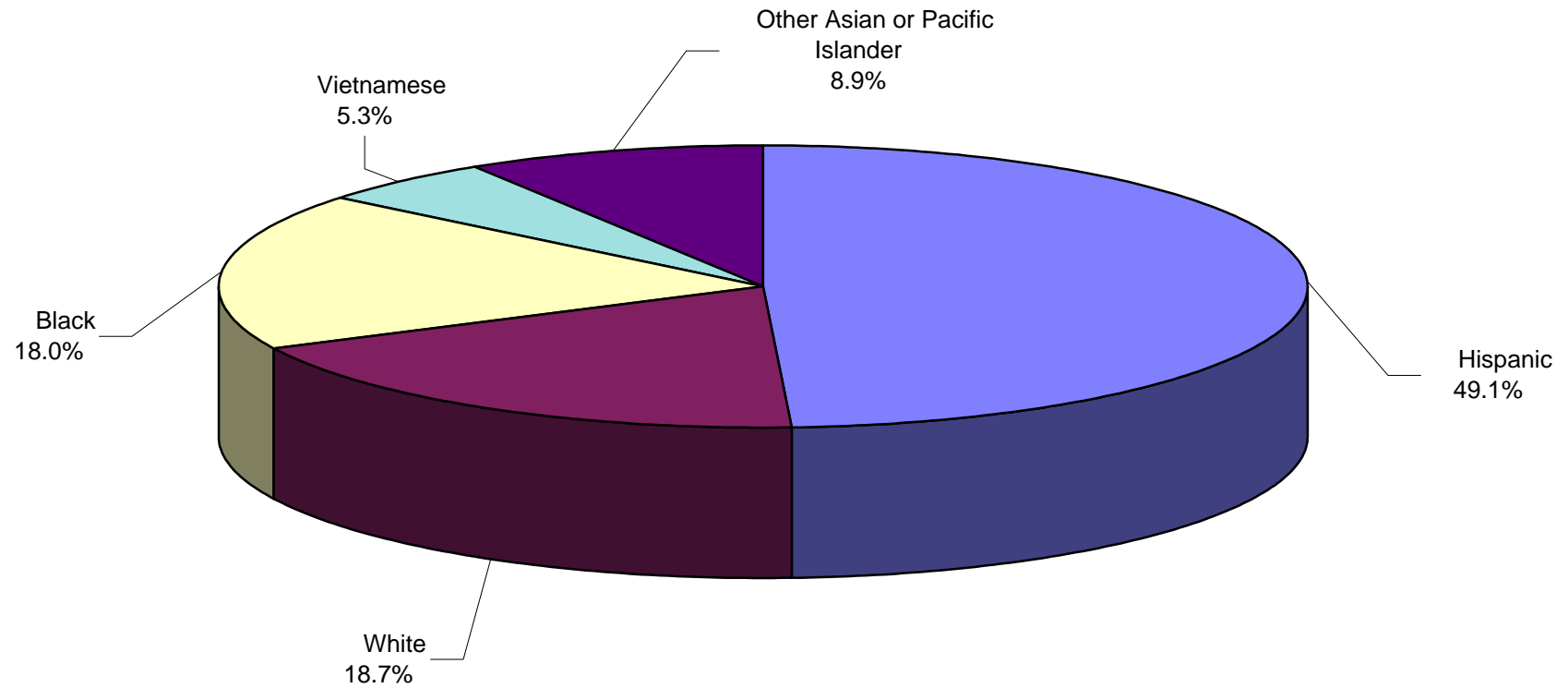
1/ "Not Applicable" refers to those households in which the parents or responsible household members were not designated as head of household or authorized representative due to their alien, SSI/SSP or other ineligible recipient status.

- Although Hispanics comprised 33.8 percent of total heads of household (Table 5), they made up nearly 50 percent of heads of household with less than 12 years of education.

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CHART 18a

ETHNICITY OF THE HEAD OF THE FOOD STAMP HOUSEHOLD WITH LESS THAN 12 YEARS OF EDUCATION



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TABLE 18b

**AVERAGE/MEDIAN SIZE OF THE FOOD STAMP HOUSEHOLD IN WHICH THE HEAD OF THE
HOUSEHOLD HAS LESS THAN 12 YEARS OF EDUCATION--BY ETHNICITY**

F/S HOUSEHOLD SIZE/ETHNICITY	TOTAL HOUSEHOLDS			CLASSIFICATION					
				PUBLIC ASSISTANCE			NONASSISTANCE		
	Number	Percent	HH Size	Number	Percent	HH Size	Number	Percent	HH Size
	<u>Avg./Median</u>			<u>Avg./Median</u>			<u>Avg./Median</u>		
Head of Household: ^{1/}	<u>207,837</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>2.7 / 2.0</u>	<u>95,118</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>2.7 / 2.0</u>	<u>112,719</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>2.7 / 2.0</u>
Hispanic	102,036	49.1	2.7 / 2.0	44,327	46.6	2.7 / 2.0	57,709	51.2	2.7 / 2.0
White	38,926	18.7	2.3 / 2.0	22,188	23.3	2.4 / 2.0	16,738	14.8	2.3 / 2.0
Black	37,382	18.0	2.4 / 2.0	14,003	14.7	2.5 / 2.0	23,379	20.7	2.2 / 1.0
Vietnamese	11,018	5.3	3.4 / 3.0	6,464	6.8	3.3 / 3.0	4,554	4.0	3.7 / 4.0
Other Asian or Pacific Islander	18,475	8.9	3.4 / 3.0	8,136	8.6	3.6 / 3.0	10,339	9.2	3.2 / 3.0

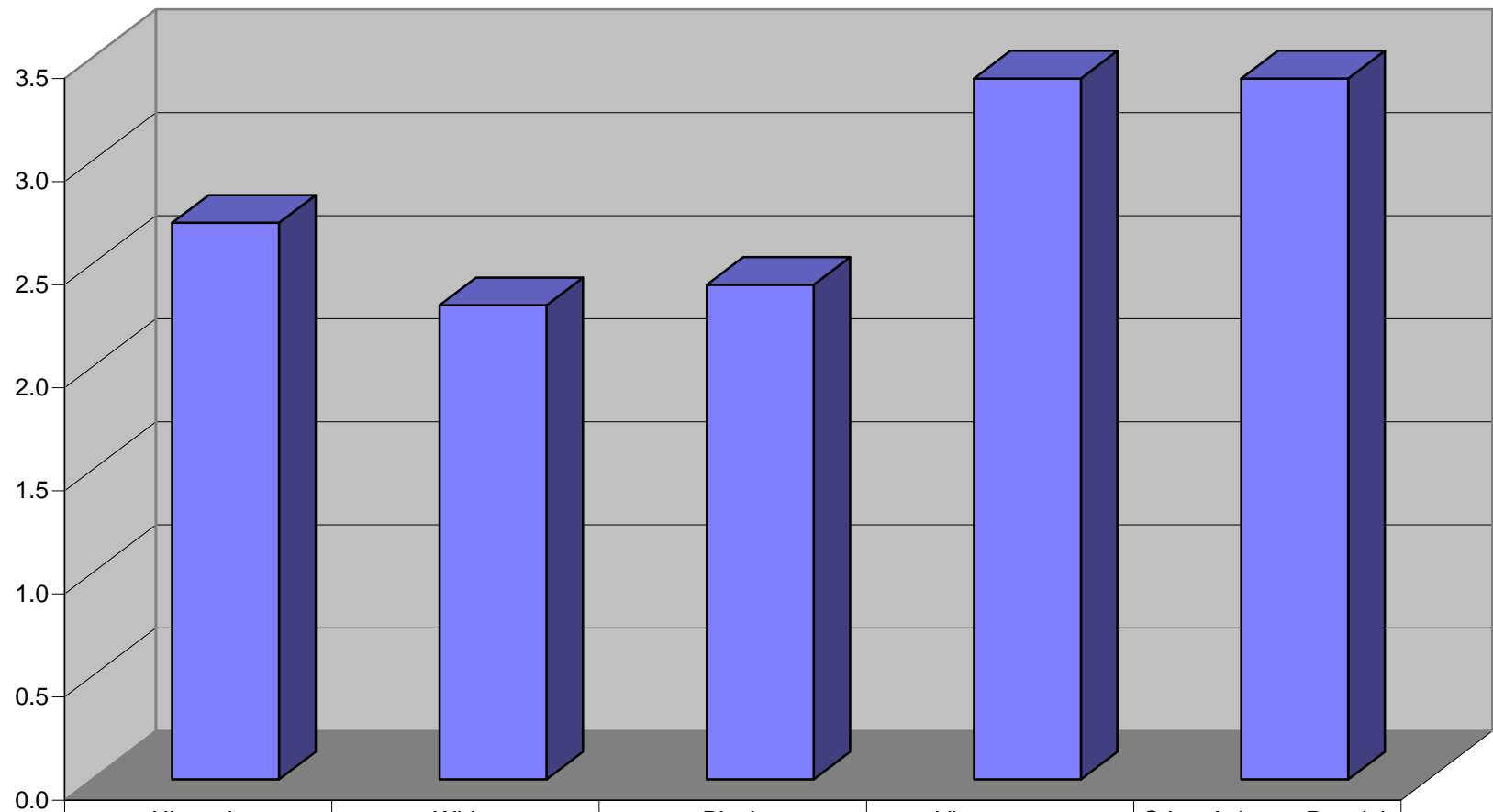
- For this subgroup, nonassistance Vietnamese households were the largest--3.7 persons--while nonassistance black households, averaging 2.2 persons, were the smallest.

Note: The food stamp household size may differ from the actual family size.

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CHART 18b

AVERAGE SIZE OF THE FOOD STAMP HOUSEHOLD IN WHICH THE HEAD OF THE HOUSEHOLD HAS LESS THAN 12 YEARS OF EDUCATION--BY ETHNICITY



Household Size

Hispanic

2.7

White

2.3

Black

2.4

Vietnamese

3.4

Other Asian or Pac. Isl.

3.4

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TABLE 18c

**NET INCOME USED TO DETERMINE THE FOOD STAMP ALLOTMENT FOR
HOUSEHOLDS IN WHICH THE HEAD OF THE HOUSEHOLD HAS LESS THAN 12 YEARS OF EDUCATION**

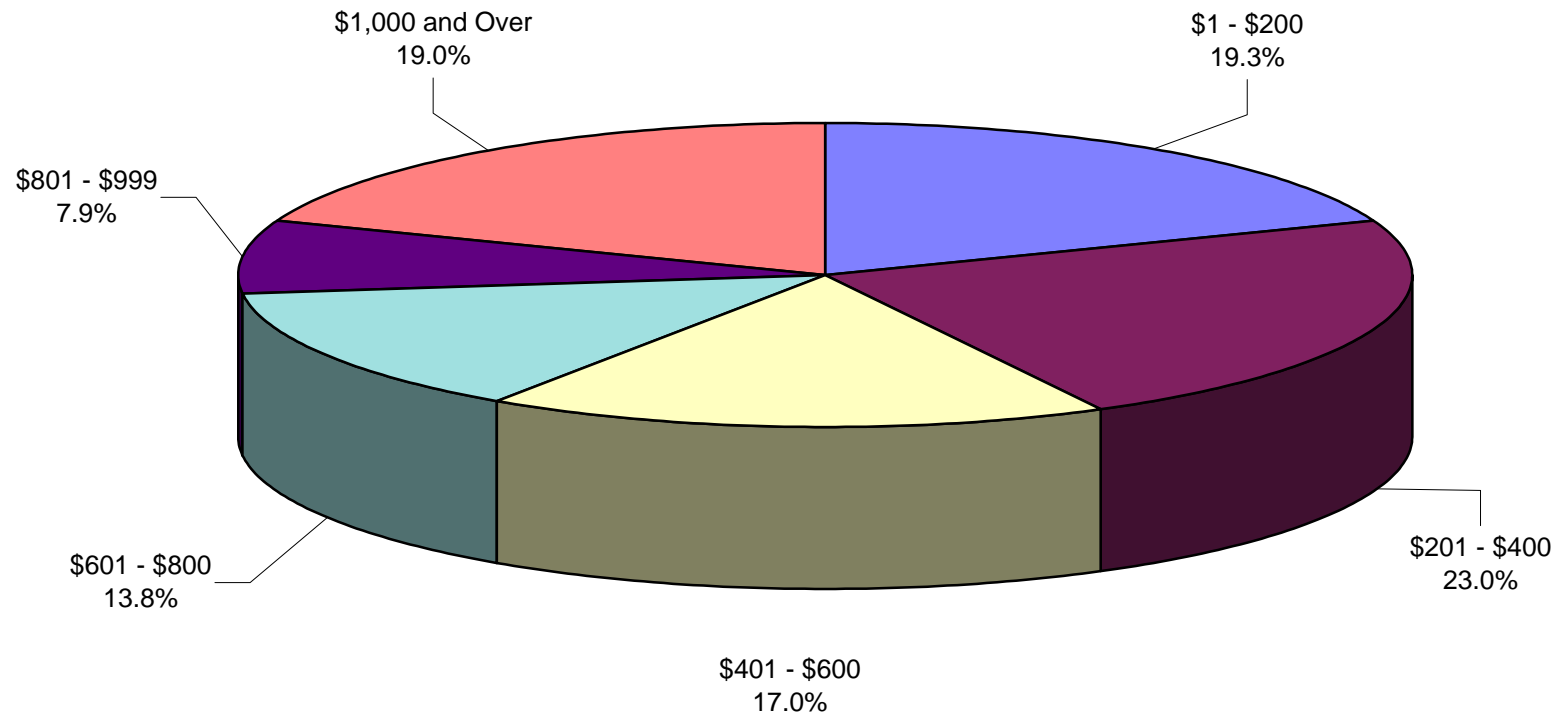
NET INCOME	TOTAL HOUSEHOLDS		CLASSIFICATION			
			PUBLIC ASSISTANCE		NONASSISTANCE	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Head of Household	<u>207,837</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>95,118</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>112,719</u>	<u>100.0</u>
No Net Income	37,050	17.8	5,640	5.9	31,410	27.9
Net Income:	<u>170,787</u>	82.2	<u>89,478</u>	94.1	<u>81,309</u>	72.1
\$1 - \$200	32,966	19.3	11,794	13.2	21,172	26.0
\$201 - \$400	39,364	23.0	25,094	28.0	14,270	17.6
\$401 - \$600	28,993	17.0	17,314	19.4	11,679	14.4
\$601 - \$800	23,551	13.8	12,232	13.7	11,319	13.9
\$801 - \$999	13,408	7.9	4,504	5.0	8,904	11.0
\$1,000 and Over	32,505	19.0	18,540	20.7	13,965	17.2
Avg./Median Amt. of Net Inc.	\$611 / \$479		\$590 / \$444		\$635 / \$555	

- The average net income used to determine the food stamp allotment for households in which the head of the household had less than 12 years of education (\$611) exceeded the average for all households (\$526--Table 16). The proportion of those with no net income remained virtually unchanged from FFY 2001.

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CHART 18c

**NET INCOME USED TO DETERMINE THE FOOD STAMP ALLOTMENT FOR
HOUSEHOLDS IN WHICH THE HEAD OF THE HOUSEHOLD HAS LESS THAN 12 YEARS OF EDUCATION**



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- 19c Net Income Used to Determine the Food Stamp Allotment for Households that Received Food stamps Continuously for Five Years or More
- 19d Education Level of the Head of the Food Stamp Household that Received Food Stamps for Five Years or More.
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TABLE 19
NUMBER OF UNINTERRUPTED MONTHS SINCE THE INITIAL FOOD STAMP APPLICATION

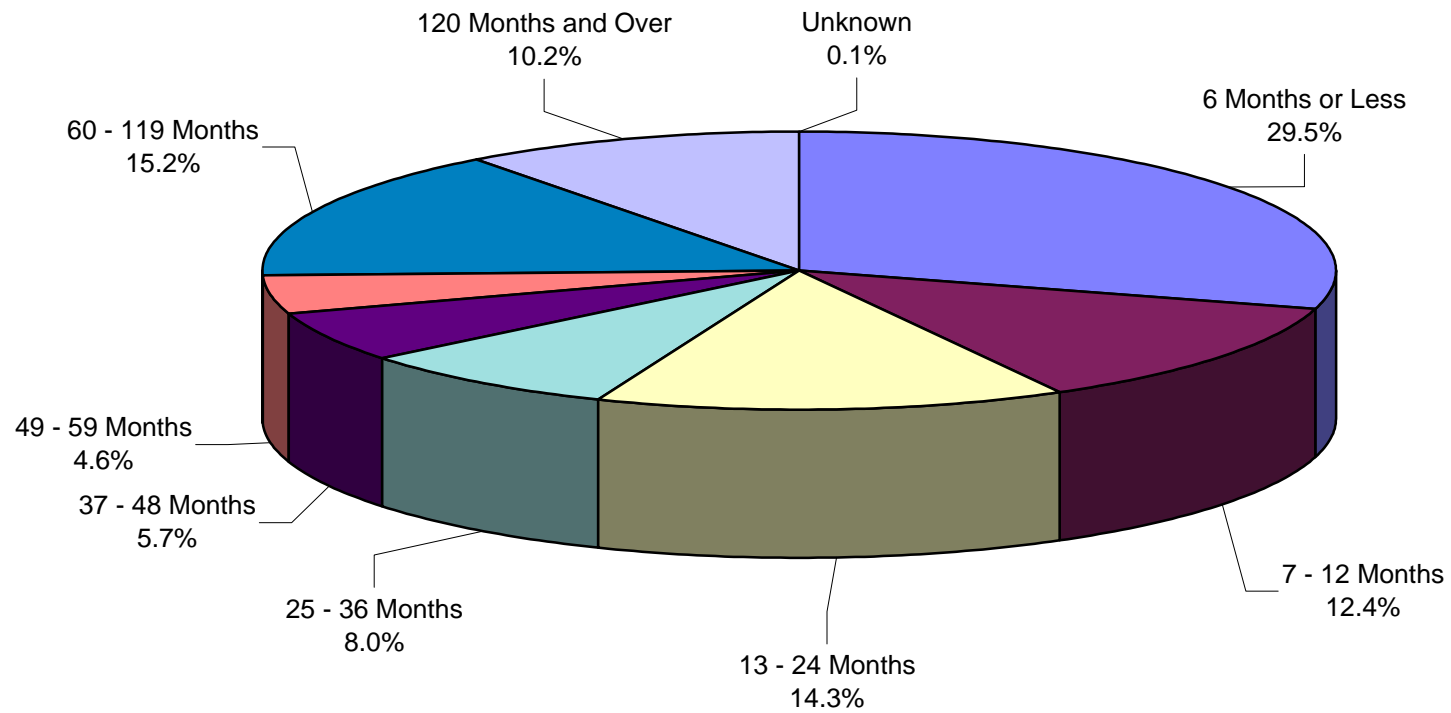
MONTHS	TOTAL HOUSEHOLDS		CLASSIFICATION			
	Number	Percent	PUBLIC ASSISTANCE		NONASSISTANCE	
			Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Total	<u>683,094</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>340,077</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>343,017</u>	<u>100.0</u>
6 Months or Less	201,411	29.5	70,402	20.7	131,009	38.2
7 - 12 Months	85,000	12.4	40,415	11.9	44,585	13.0
13 - 24 Months	97,827	14.3	52,319	15.4	45,508	13.3
25 - 36 Months	54,334	8.0	29,967	8.8	24,367	7.1
37 - 48 Months	39,027	5.7	21,437	6.3	17,590	5.1
49 - 59 Months	31,432	4.6	17,766	5.2	13,666	4.0
60 - 119 Months	104,066	15.2	62,071	18.3	41,995	12.2
120 Months and Over	69,368	10.2	45,369	13.3	23,999	7.0
Unknown	629	0.1	331	0.1	298	0.1
Avg./Median Uninterrupted Months	42.3 / 19.0		51.2 / 27.0		33.5 / 12.0	

- The average length of time all food stamp households had continuously received food stamps during FFY 2002 was 42.3 months; this compares to 44.3 months for FFY 2001 and 47.1 months for FFY 2000.
- Approximately 25 percent of food stamp households received food stamps for 60 months or more during FFY 2002, including 10.2 percent that received such stamps for 10 years (120 months) or more.

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CHART 19

NUMBER OF UNINTERRUPTED MONTHS SINCE THE INITIAL FOOD STAMP APPLICATION



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TABLE 19a

**ETHNICITY OF THE HEAD OF THE FOOD STAMP HOUSEHOLD THAT
RECEIVED FOOD STAMPS CONTINUOUSLY FOR FIVE YEARS OR MORE**

ETHNICITY	TOTAL HOUSEHOLDS		CLASSIFICATION			
			PUBLIC ASSISTANCE		NONASSISTANCE	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Total ^{1/}	<u>173,434</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>107,440</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>65,994</u>	<u>100.0</u>
Not Applicable ^{2/}	65,281	37.6	46,617	43.4	18,664	28.3
Head of Household:	<u>108,153</u>	62.4 <u>100.0</u>	<u>60,823</u>	56.6 <u>100.0</u>	<u>47,330</u>	71.7 <u>100.0</u>
Hispanic	37,457	34.6	23,294	38.3	14,163	29.9
White	26,257	24.3	13,562	22.3	12,695	26.8
Black	22,708	21.0	13,226	21.7	9,482	20.0
Vietnamese	9,084	8.4	5,388	8.9	3,696	7.8
Other Asian or Pacific Islander	11,434	10.6	5,353	8.8	6,081	12.8
Unknown	1,213	1.1	0		1,213	2.6

1/ From Table 19: (104,066 + 69,368 = 173,434)

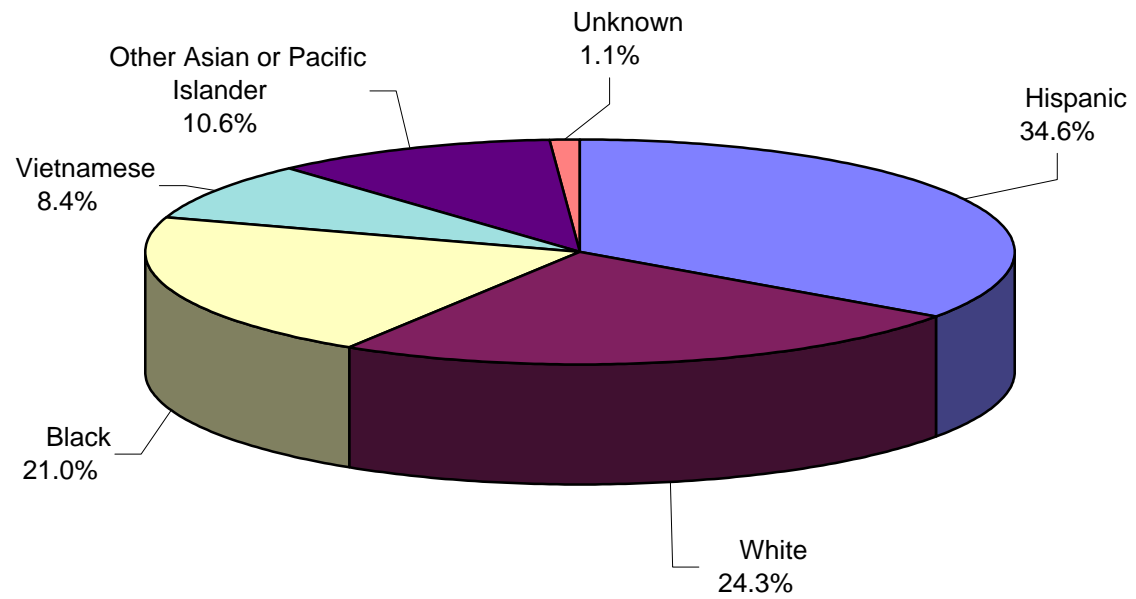
2/ "Not Applicable" refers to those households in which the parents or responsible household members were not designated as head of household or authorized representative due to their alien, SSI/SSP or other ineligible recipient status.

- For those households receiving food stamps for five years or more, the proportion of Hispanic households that also received public assistance increased from 33.7 percent in FFY 2001 to 38.3 percent during FFY 2002. Conversely, the proportion of nonassistance Hispanic households showed a 10 percentage point reduction.

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CHART 19a

**ETHNICITY OF THE HEAD OF THE FOOD STAMP HOUSEHOLD THAT RECEIVED FOOD STAMPS
CONTINUOUSLY FOR FIVE YEARS OR MORE**



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TABLE 19b

**NUMBER OF PERSONS IN THE FOOD STAMP HOUSEHOLD
THAT RECEIVED FOOD STAMPS CONTINUOUSLY FOR FIVE YEARS OR MORE**

PERSONS IN HOUSEHOLD	TOTAL HOUSEHOLDS		CLASSIFICATION			
			PUBLIC ASSISTANCE		NONASSISTANCE	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Total ^{1/}	<u>173,434</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>107,441</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>65,993</u>	<u>100.0</u>
One Person	28,833	16.6	14,469	13.5	14,364	21.8
Two Persons	38,402	22.1	29,444	27.4	8,958	13.6
Three Persons	43,895	25.3	28,909	26.9	14,986	22.7
Four Persons	27,826	16.0	17,937	16.7	9,889	15.0
Five Persons	16,948	9.8	7,847	7.3	9,101	13.8
Six or More Persons	17,530	10.1	8,835	8.2	8,695	13.2
Avg./Median Number of Persons	3.2 / 3.0		3.4 / 3.0		3.1 / 3.0	

1/ From Table 19a

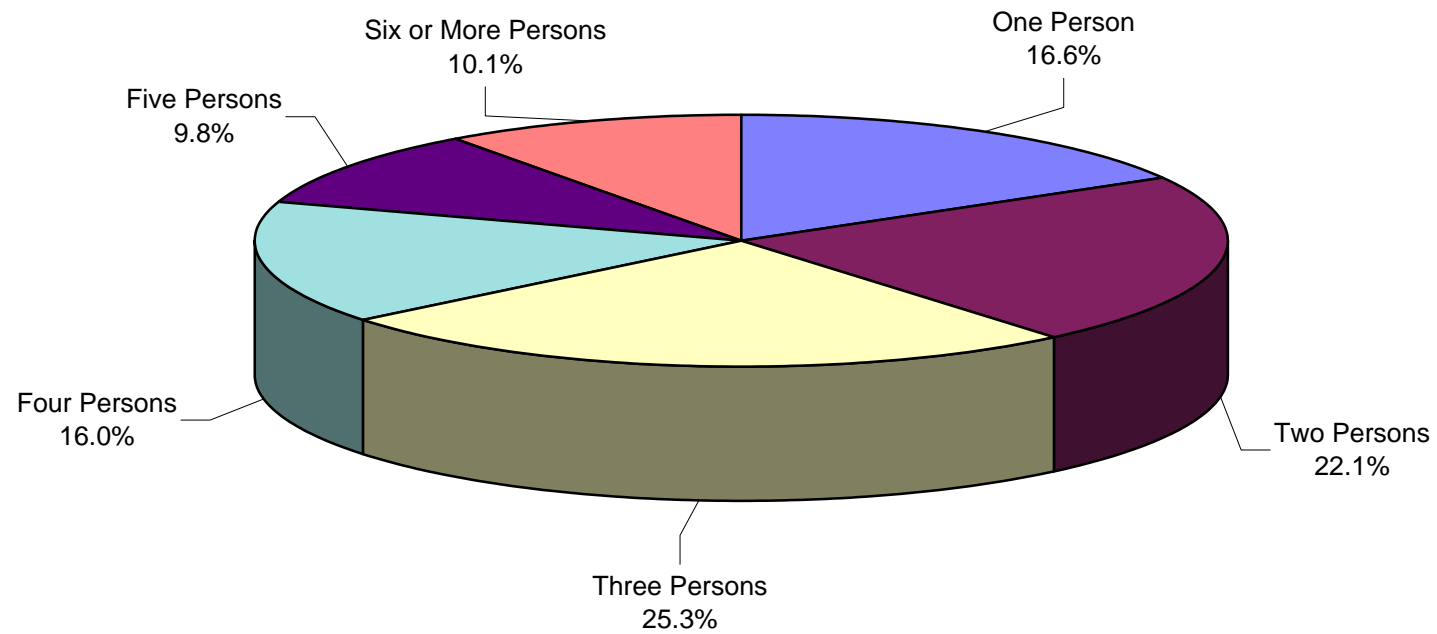
- The average size of households that received food stamps continuously for five or more years was 3.2 persons; the size of all food stamp households was 2.7 persons (Table 12).

Note: The food stamp household size may differ from the actual family size.

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CHART 19b

**ETHNICITY OF THE HEAD OF THE FOOD STAMP HOUSEHOLD THAT RECEIVED FOOD STAMPS
CONTINUOUSLY FOR FIVE YEARS OR MORE**



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TABLE 19c

**NET INCOME USED TO DETERMINE THE FOOD STAMP ALLOTMENT FOR
HOUSEHOLDS THAT RECEIVED FOOD STAMPS CONTINUOUSLY FOR FIVE YEARS OR MORE**

NET INCOME	TOTAL HOUSEHOLDS		CLASSIFICATION			
			PUBLIC ASSISTANCE		NONASSISTANCE	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Total ^{1/}	<u>173,434</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>107,441</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>65,993</u>	<u>100.0</u>
No Net Income	17,123	9.9	5,933	5.5	11,190	17.0
Net Income:	<u>156,311</u>	90.1 <u>100.0</u>	<u>101,508</u>	94.5 <u>100.0</u>	<u>54,803</u>	83.0 <u>100.0</u>
\$1 - \$200	30,672	19.6	20,460	20.2	10,212	18.6
\$201 - \$400	33,283	21.3	24,105	23.7	9,178	16.7
\$401 - \$600	28,707	18.4	19,358	19.1	9,349	17.1
\$601 - \$800	24,919	15.9	14,483	14.3	10,436	19.0
\$801 - \$999	13,564	8.7	7,150	7.0	6,414	11.7
\$1,000 and Over	25,166	16.1	15,952	15.7	9,214	16.8
Avg./Median Amount of Net Income	\$593 / \$505		\$576 / \$478		\$642 / \$558	

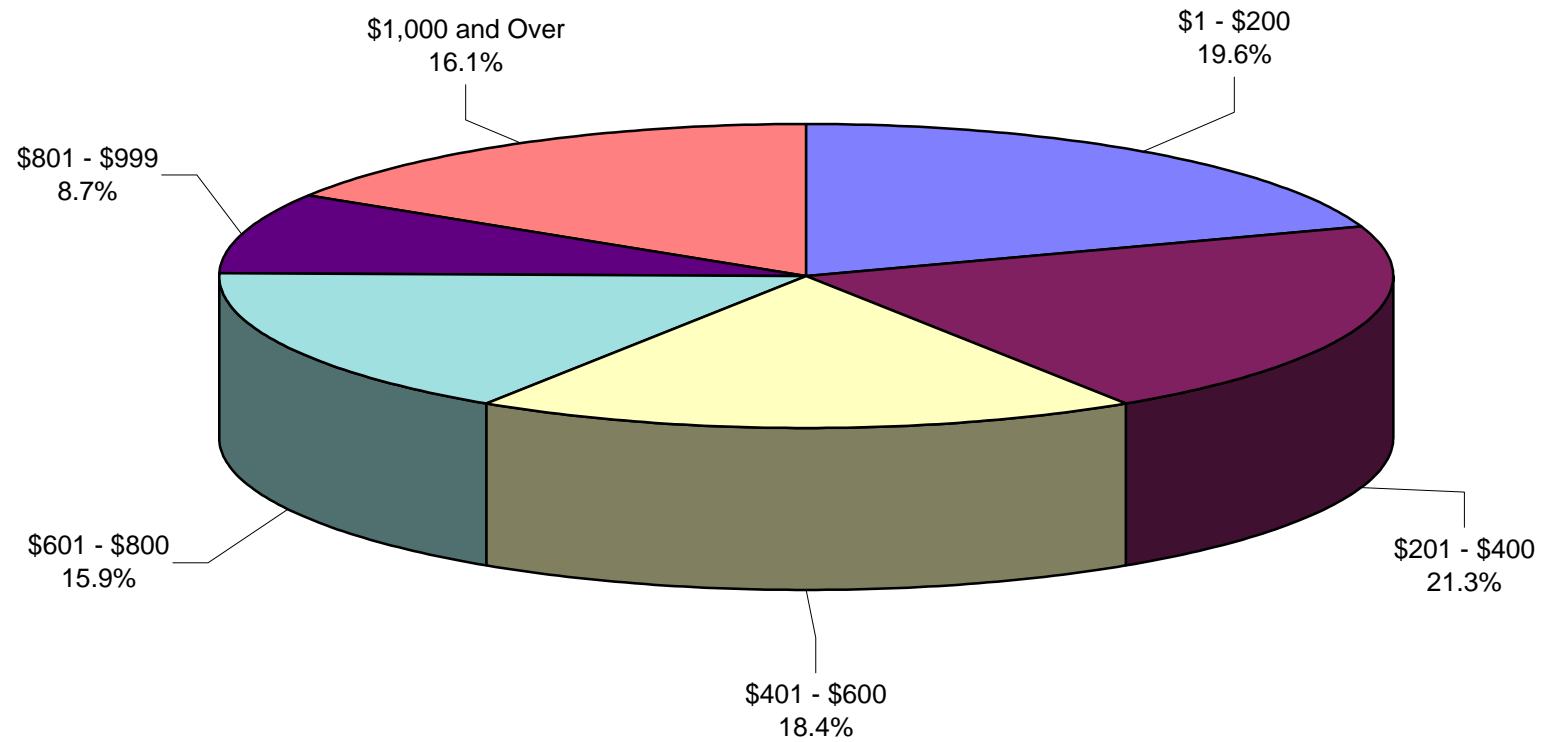
1/ From Table 19a

- The average net income used to determine the food stamp allotment was more for households that had received food stamps continuously for five or more years (\$593) than for all households (\$526--Table 16), although less than the average for households in which the head of the household had less than 12 years of education (\$611--Table 18c).

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**NET INCOME USED TO DETERMINE THE FOOD STAMP ALLOTMENT FOR
HOUSEHOLDS THAT RECEIVED FOOD STAMPS CONTINUOUSLY FOR FIVE YEARS OR MORE**



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TABLE 19d

**EDUCATION LEVEL OF THE HEAD OF THE FOOD STAMP HOUSEHOLD
THAT RECEIVED FOOD STAMPS CONTINUOUSLY FOR FIVE YEARS OR MORE**

EDUCATION LEVEL	TOTAL HOUSEHOLDS		CLASSIFICATION			
			PUBLIC ASSISTANCE		NONASSISTANCE	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Total ^{1/}	<u>173,434</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>107,441</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>65,993</u>	<u>100.0</u>
Not Applicable ^{2/}	65,281	37.6	46,617	43.4	18,664	28.3
Head of Household:	<u>108,153</u>	62.4	<u>60,824</u>	56.6	<u>47,329</u>	71.7
No Education	6,480	6.0	4,299	7.1	2,181	4.6
Grades 1 - 5	9,668	8.9	6,320	10.4	3,348	7.1
Grades 6 - 8	12,321	11.4	8,865	14.6	3,456	7.3
Grades 9 - 11	28,500	26.4	16,163	26.6	12,337	26.1
Grade 12 and Over	49,877	46.1	25,112	41.3	24,765	52.3
Level Unknown	1,307	1.2	65	0.1	1,242	2.6

1/ From Table 19a

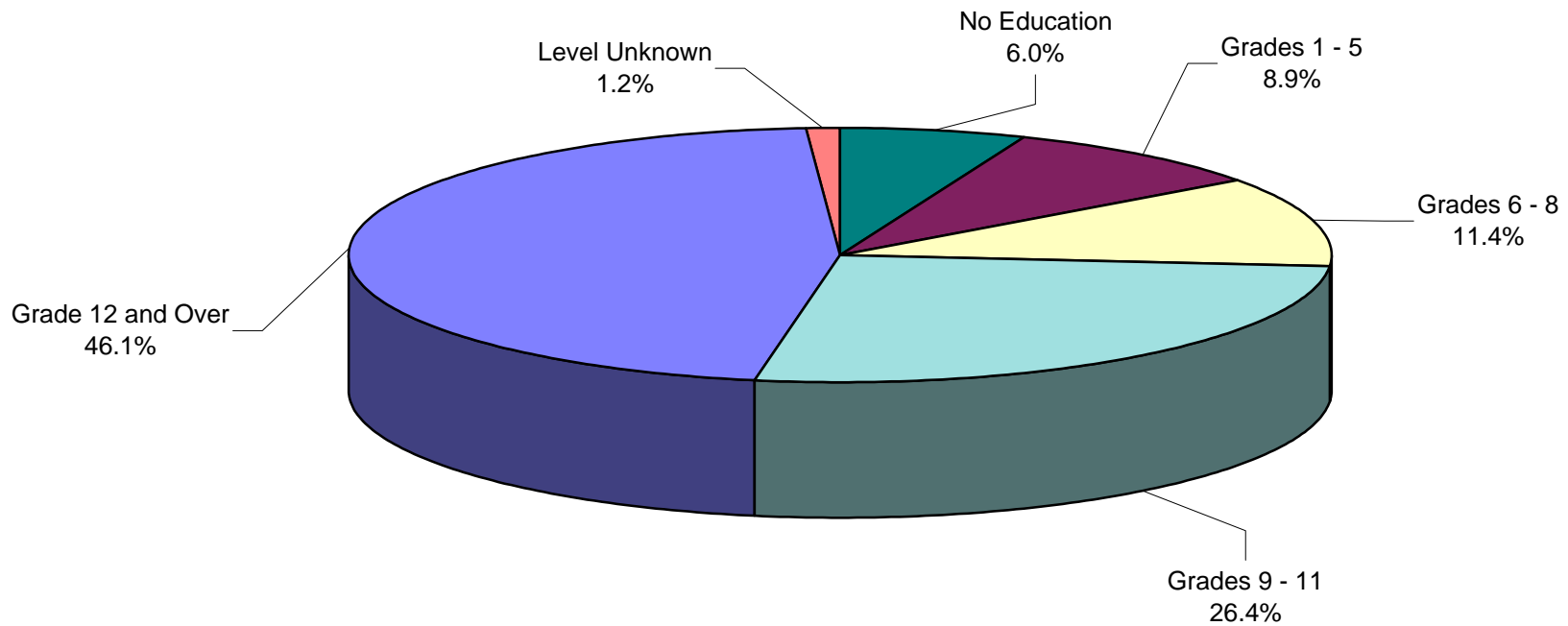
2/ "Not Applicable" refers to those households in which the parents or responsible household members were not designated as head of household or authorized representative due to their alien, SSI/SSP or other ineligible recipient status.

- While 46.1 percent of heads of household receiving food stamps continuously for five years or more had completed 12 or more years of education, approximately 55 percent of all heads of household had done so (Table 18).

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CHART 19d

**EDUCATION LEVEL OF THE HEAD OF THE FOOD STAMP HOUSEHOLD
THAT RECEIVED FOOD STAMPS CONTINUOUSLY FOR FIVE YEARS OR MORE**



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TABLE 20
LENGTH OF CERTIFICATION PERIOD OF THE FOOD STAMP HOUSEHOLD

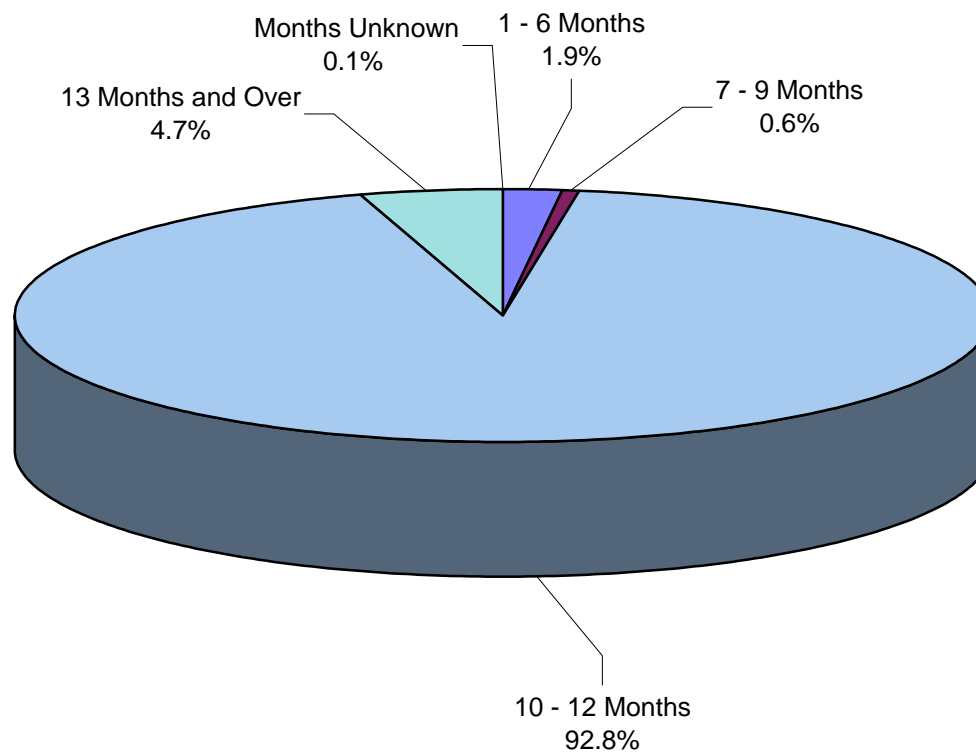
CERTIFICATION PERIOD	TOTAL HOUSEHOLDS		CLASSIFICATION			
			PUBLIC ASSISTANCE		NONASSISTANCE	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Total	<u>683,094</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>340,077</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>343,017</u>	<u>100.0</u>
1 - 6 Months	12,791	1.9	2,931	0.9	9,860	2.9
7 - 9 Months	4,021	0.6	1,528	0.4	2,493	0.7
10 - 12 Months	634,126	92.8	317,501	93.4	316,625	92.3
13 Months and Over	31,793	4.7	17,874	5.3	13,919	4.1
Months Unknown	363	0.1	243	0.1	120	0.0
Avg. No. Months of Cert. Period	12.2		12.3		12.1	

- The average number of months of the certification period remained virtually the same as that for FFY 2001.
- Certification periods in excess of 12 months mainly comprised elderly and/or disabled households. Certification is normally done within 12 months.

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CHART 20

LENGTH OF CERTIFICATION PERIOD OF THE FOOD STAMP HOUSEHOLD



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TABLE 21

AMOUNT OF FOOD STAMP ALLOTMENT PER HOUSEHOLD

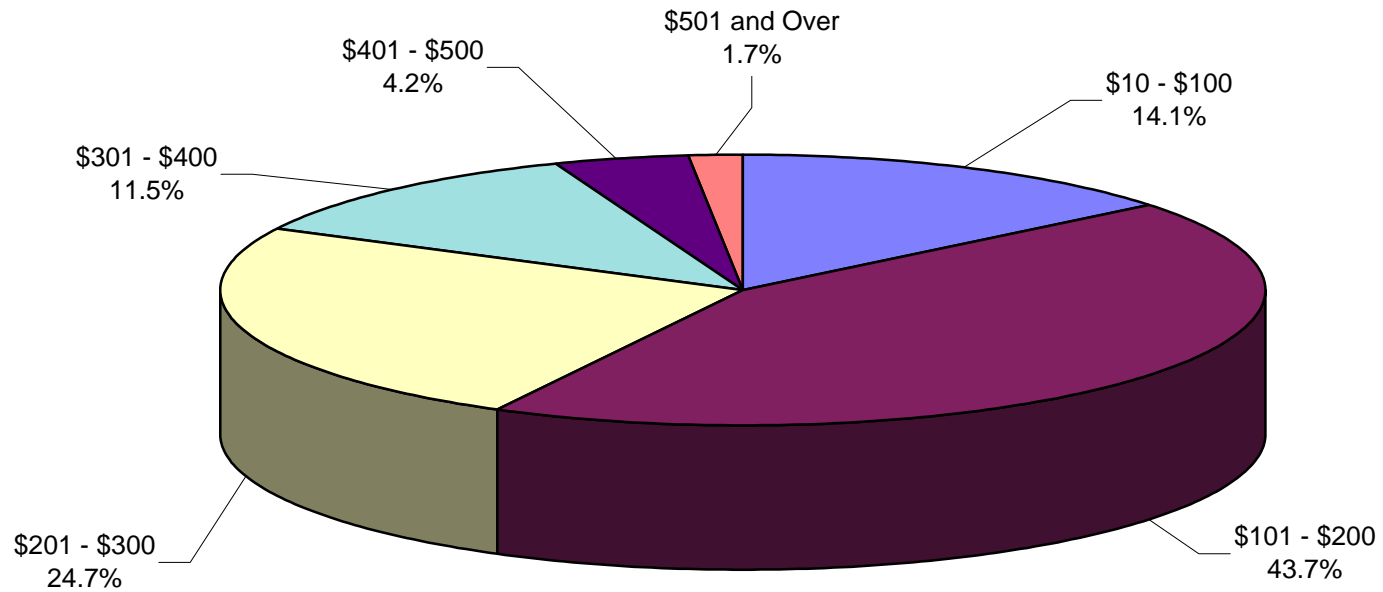
ALLOTMENT	TOTAL HOUSEHOLDS		CLASSIFICATION			
			PUBLIC ASSISTANCE		NONASSISTANCE	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Total	<u>683,094</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>340,077</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>343,017</u>	<u>100.0</u>
\$10 - \$100	96,457	14.1	44,780	13.2	51,677	15.1
\$101 - \$200	298,648	43.7	142,653	41.9	155,995	45.5
\$201 - \$300	168,424	24.7	101,033	29.7	67,391	19.6
\$301 - \$400	78,815	11.5	37,780	11.1	41,035	12.0
\$401 - \$500	29,023	4.2	10,263	3.0	18,760	5.5
\$501 and Over	11,727	1.7	3,568	1.0	8,159	2.4
Avg./Median Food Stamp Allotment	\$199 / \$168		\$200 / \$186		\$198 / \$135	

- The average food stamp allotment of \$199 reflects a negligible \$2 increase from that of FFY 2001.
- The food stamp allotment category comprising the greatest number of households for FFY 2002 was "\$101 - \$200".

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CHART 21

AMOUNT OF FOOD STAMP ALLOTMENT PER HOUSEHOLD



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TABLE 22

**LONGEST CUMULATIVE PERIOD FOR WHICH AT LEAST ONE MEMBER
OF A FOOD STAMP HOUSEHOLD RECEIVED AFDC/CalWORKs**

MONTHS RECEIVED AFDC/CalWORKs SINCE 1987 ^{1/}	TOTAL HOUSEHOLDS		CLASSIFICATION			
			PUBLIC ASSISTANCE		NONASSISTANCE	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Total Months	<u>683,094</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>340,077</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>343,017</u>	<u>100.0</u>
0 Months ^{2/}	138,872	20.3	2,794	0.8	136,078	39.7
1 to 12 Months	50,039	7.3	28,366	8.3	21,673	6.3
13 to 24 Months	38,527	5.6	24,112	7.1	14,415	4.2
25 to 60 Months	85,795	12.6	50,333	14.8	35,462	10.3
61 Months or Longer	369,861	54.1	234,472	68.9	135,389	39.5

1/ Information for this table was obtained by matching the Social Security Numbers of the food stamp recipients with those contained in the Medi-Cal Eligibility Data System (MEDS).

2/ Either no SSN was available for this category of food stamp recipients or there was no history of their receiving AFDC/CalWORKs since 1/1/87, the earliest entries in the file.

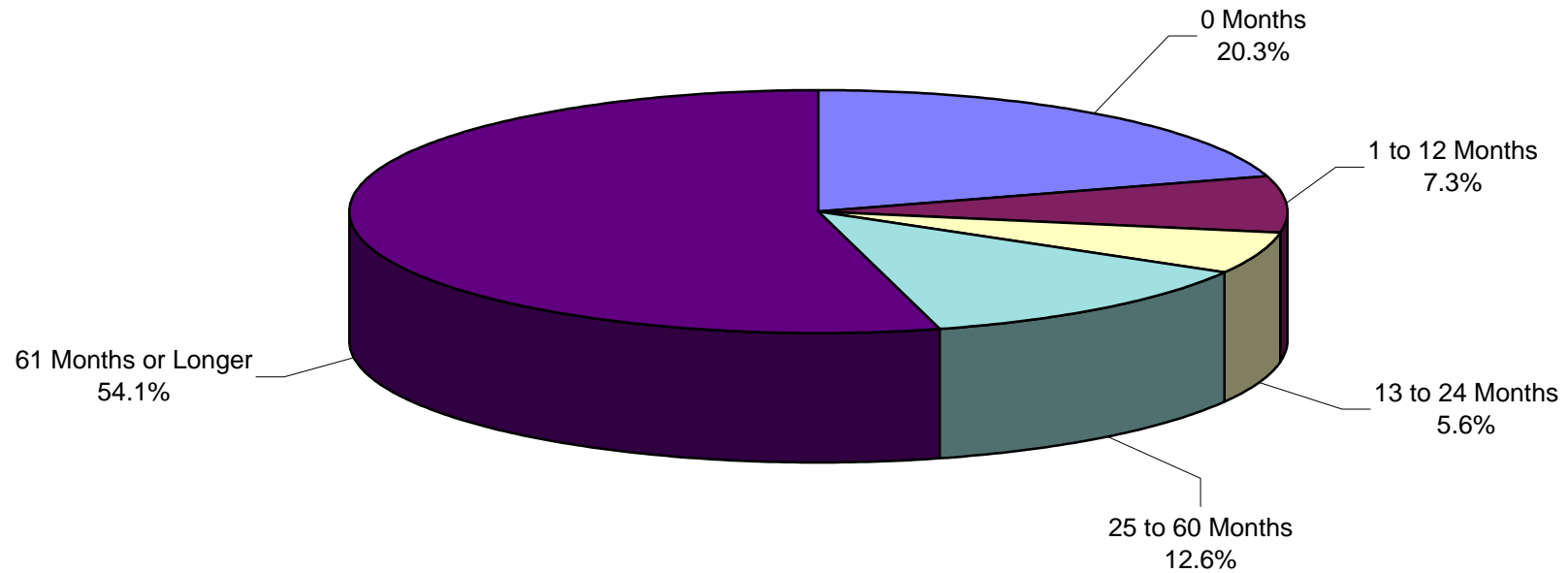
- Households receiving AFDC/CalWORKs for 61 months or longer decreased from 378,502 in FFY 2001 to 369,861 for FFY 2002 (2.3 percent)^{3/}, even though the overall food stamp caseload increased 4.7 percent.

3/ $(378,502 - 369,861)/378,502=2.3\%$.

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CHART 22

**LONGEST CUMULATIVE PERIOD FOR WHICH AT LEAST ONE MEMBER OF A
FOOD STAMP HOUSEHOLD RECEIVED AFDC/CalWORKs**



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TABLE 23

RESOURCES OWNED BY THE FOOD STAMP HOUSEHOLD

RESOURCES	TOTAL HOUSEHOLDS			CLASSIFICATION					
				PUBLIC ASSISTANCE			NONASSISTANCE		
	Number	Percent	Avg./Med. Amt.	Number	Percent	Avg./Med. Amt.	Number	Percent	Avg./Med. Amt.
Total	<u>683,094</u>	<u>100.0</u>		<u>340,077</u>	<u>100.0</u>		<u>343,017</u>	<u>100.0</u>	
No Resources	514,916	75.4		264,058	77.6		250,858	73.1	
Resources ^{1/}	168,178	24.6	\$504 / \$302	76,019	22.4	\$497 / \$208	92,159	26.9	\$510 / \$357

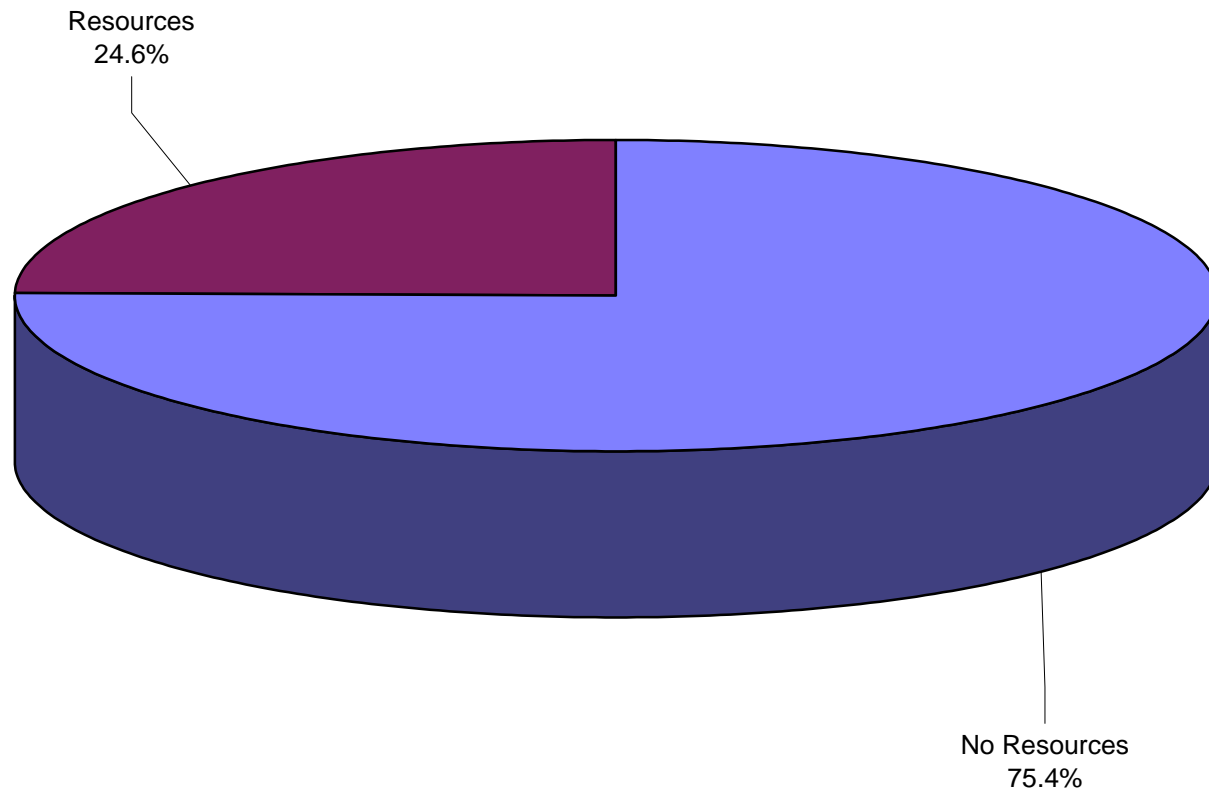
1/ Excludes vehicles.

- Average resources of the food stamp household, consisting primarily of checking and savings accounts, showed a negligible increase from \$502 in FFY 2001 to \$504 in FFY 2002, halting a three-year decline.
- Households with no reported resources, 75.4 percent, decreased slightly from FFY 2001 when 77.6 percent reported no resources.

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CHART 23

RESOURCES OWNED BY THE FOOD STAMP HOUSEHOLD



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TABLE 24

VEHICLES OWNED BY THE FOOD STAMP HOUSEHOLD

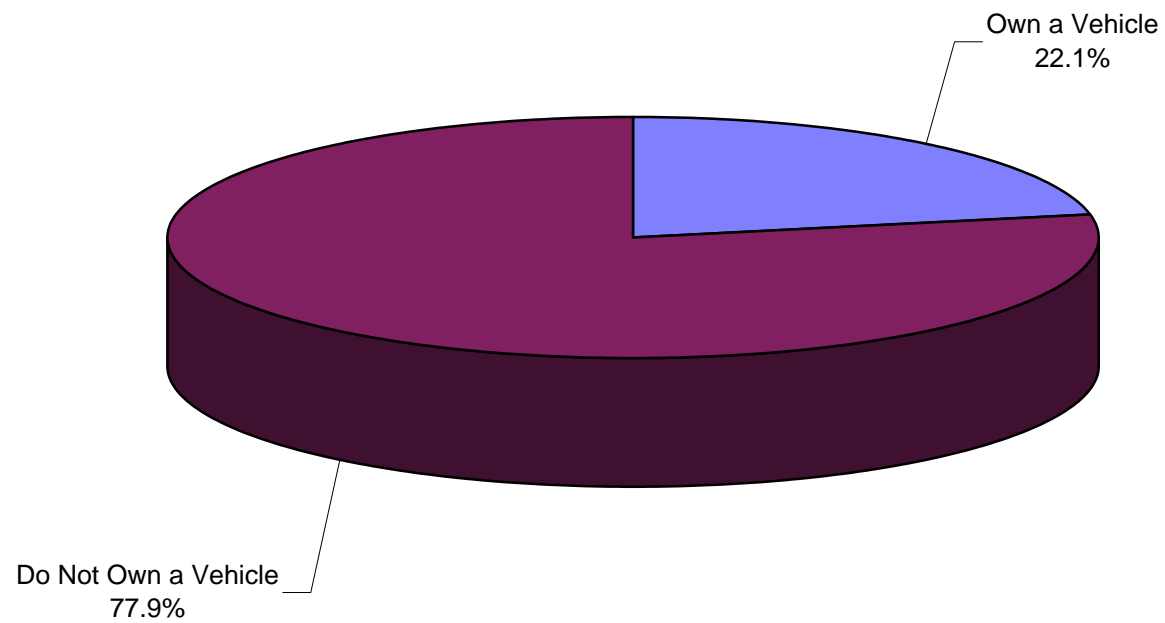
VEHICLE OWNERSHIP	TOTAL HOUSEHOLDS		CLASSIFICATION			
			PUBLIC ASSISTANCE		NONASSISTANCE	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Total	<u>683,094</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>340,077</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>343,017</u>	<u>100.0</u>
Own a Vehicle	150,799	22.1	72,405	21.3	78,394	22.9
Do Not Own a Vehicle	532,295	77.9	267,672	78.7	264,623	77.1

- The proportion of households with vehicle ownership declined slightly from 23.5 percent in FFY 2001 to 22.1 percent for FFY 2002. This marks the second consecutive year of such a decline; vehicle ownership stood at 26 percent in FFY 2000.

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VEHICLES OWNED BY THE FOOD STAMP HOUSEHOLD



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TABLE 25

FOOD STAMP HOUSEHOLDS CLAIMING UTILITY EXPENSES

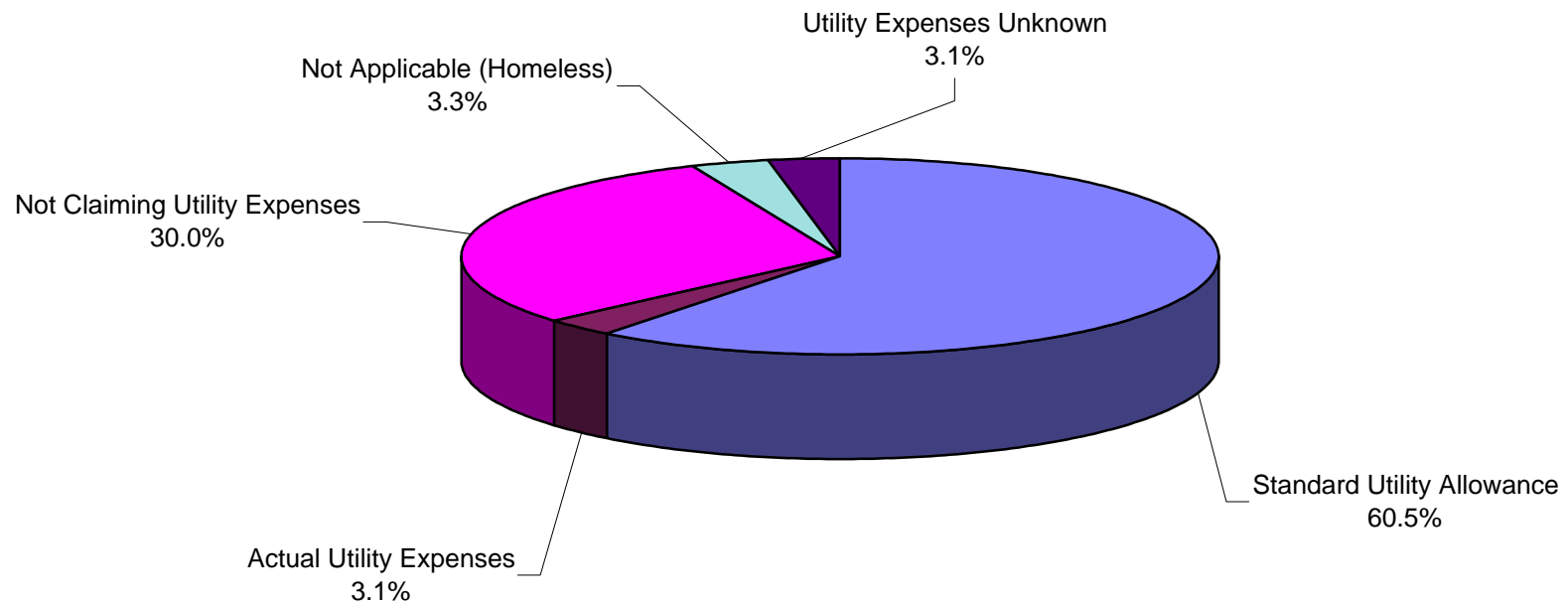
UTILITY EXPENSES	TOTAL HOUSEHOLDS		CLASSIFICATION			
			PUBLIC ASSISTANCE		NONASSISTANCE	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Total	<u>683,094</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>340,077</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>343,017</u>	<u>100.0</u>
Standard Utility Allowance	413,352	60.5	220,625	64.9	192,727	56.2
Actual Utility Expenses	21,093	3.1	12,355	3.6	8,738	2.5
Not Claiming Utility Expenses	205,152	30.0	95,734	28.2	109,418	31.9
Not Applicable (Homeless)	22,375	3.3	4,357	1.3	18,018	5.3
Utility Expenses Unknown	21,122	3.1	7,006	2.1	14,116	4.1

- The "Not Applicable" category comprises the homeless, which increased 1.1 percentage points from FFY 2001. Still, it was lower than the 4.1 percent for FFY 2000 and much lower than the 9.5 percent and 12.4 percent for FFYs 1999 and 1998, respectively.
- The proportion of nonassistance households claiming the standard utility allowance increased from 48.6 percent in FFY 2001 to 56.2 percent for FFY 2002.

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CHART 25

FOOD STAMP HOUSEHOLDS CLAIMING UTILITY EXPENSES



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Federal Fiscal Year 2002

TABLE 26

FOOD STAMP HOUSEHOLDS ALLOWED EXCESS SHELTER DEDUCTION

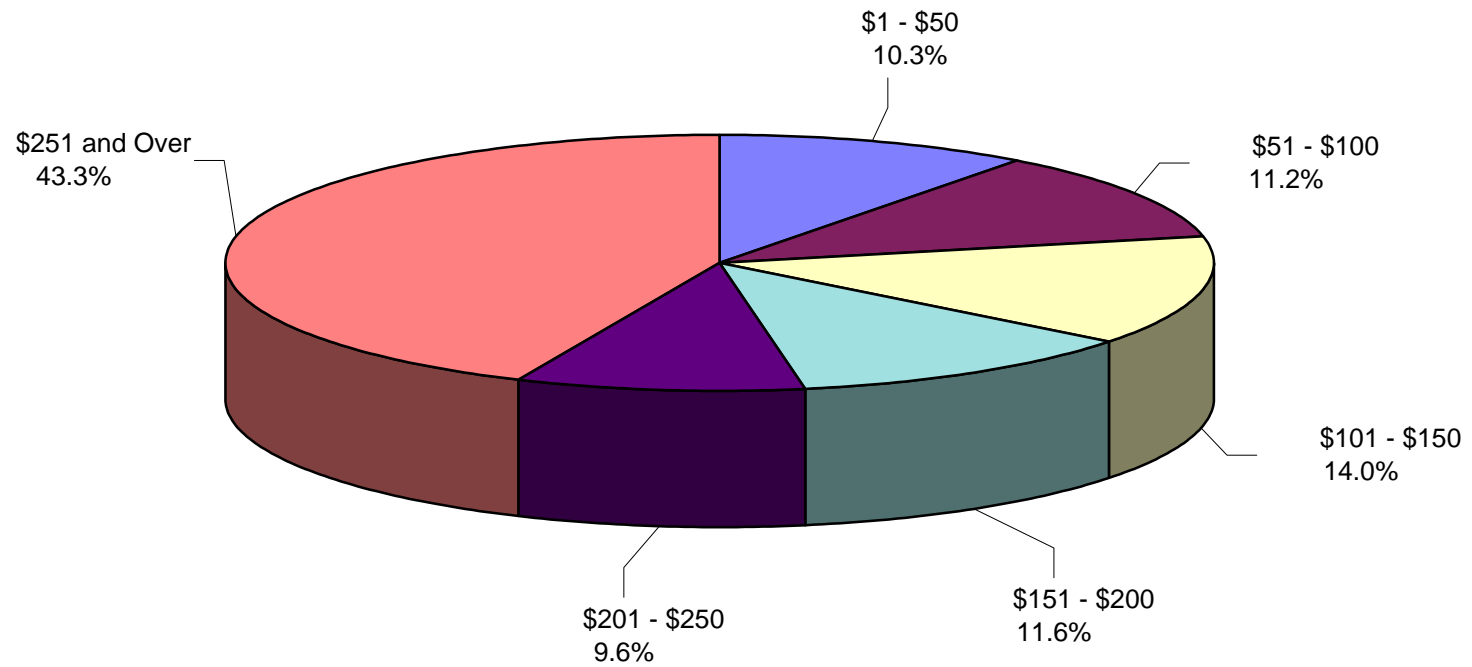
EXCESS SHELTER	TOTAL HOUSEHOLDS		CLASSIFICATION			
			PUBLIC ASSISTANCE		NONASSISTANCE	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Total	683,094	100.0	340,077	100.0	343,017	100.0
Households Not Reporting Shelter Cost	73,509	10.8	16,528	4.9	56,981	16.6
Households Reporting Shelter Cost;	609,585	89.2	323,549	95.1	286,036	83.4
No Allowable Excess Shelter Cost	201,413	33.0	101,446	31.4	99,967	34.9
Allowable Excess Shelter Cost:	408,172	67.0	222,103	68.6	186,069	65.1
\$1 - \$50	42,109	10.3	24,945	11.2	17,164	9.2
\$51 - \$100	45,789	11.2	28,103	12.7	17,686	9.5
\$101 - \$150	56,987	14.0	36,722	16.5	20,265	10.9
\$151 - \$200	47,313	11.6	26,023	11.7	21,290	11.4
\$201 - \$250	39,142	9.6	22,330	10.1	16,812	9.0
\$251 and Over	176,832	43.3	83,980	37.8	92,852	49.9
Avg./Median Amt. of Allow. Ex. Shelter Cost	\$249 / \$211		\$233 / \$194		\$270 / \$250	

- The average allowed excess shelter deduction increased from \$220 in FFY 2001 to \$249 for FFY 2002, a reflection of the rising cost of shelter (Table 29) throughout California.

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CHART 26

**FOOD STAMP HOUSEHOLDS ALLOWED EXCESS SHELTER DEDUCTION
(AMOUNT)**



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TABLE 27

FOOD STAMP HOUSEHOLDS ALLOWED A DEPENDENT CARE DEDUCTION

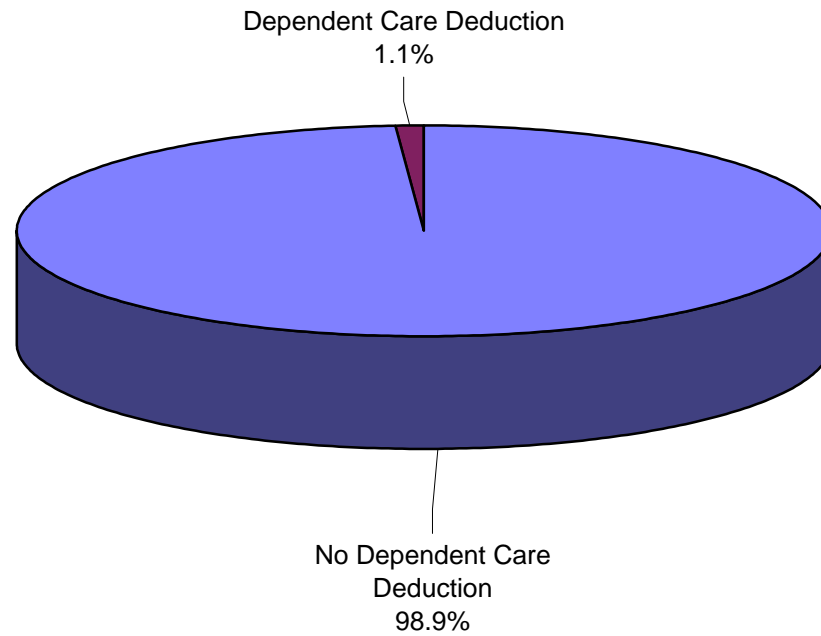
DEPENDENT CARE	TOTAL HOUSEHOLDS		CLASSIFICATION			
			PUBLIC ASSISTANCE		NONASSISTANCE	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Total	<u>683,094</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>340,077</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>343,017</u>	<u>100.0</u>
No Dependent Care Deduction	675,633	98.9	335,818	98.7	339,815	99.1
Dependent Care Deduction	7,461	1.1	4,259	1.3	3,202	0.9
Avg./Median Amt. of Dep. Care Deduction	\$257 / \$200		\$284 / \$280		\$222 / \$200	

- The proportion of households allowed a dependent care deduction was unchanged from the 1.1 percent allowed in FFY 2001.
- The average amount of the deduction increased from \$212 in FFY 2001 to \$257 in FFY 2002.

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Federal Fiscal Year 2002

CHART 27

FOOD STAMP HOUSEHOLDS ALLOWED A DEPENDENT CARE DEDUCTION



Food Stamp Household Characteristics Survey
Federal Fiscal Year 2002

TABLE 28
REPORTING STATUS OF THE FOOD STAMP HOUSEHOLD

REPORTING STATUS	TOTAL HOUSEHOLDS		CLASSIFICATION			
			PUBLIC ASSISTANCE		NONASSISTANCE	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Total	<u>683,094</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>340,077</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>343,017</u>	<u>100.0</u>
Monthly Reporting	643,193	94.2	336,916	99.1	306,277	89.3
Change Reporting	39,179	5.7	3,161	0.9	36,018	10.5
Time Frame Reporting	422	0.1	0	0.0	422	0.1
Reporting Status Unknown	300	0.0	0	0.0	300	0.1

- Households on monthly reporting status showed a slight decrease from the 95.2% reported for FFY 2001.

Reporting Status Definitions:

Monthly Reporting - Households subject to the monthly reporting requirements must submit complete reports on a monthly basis.

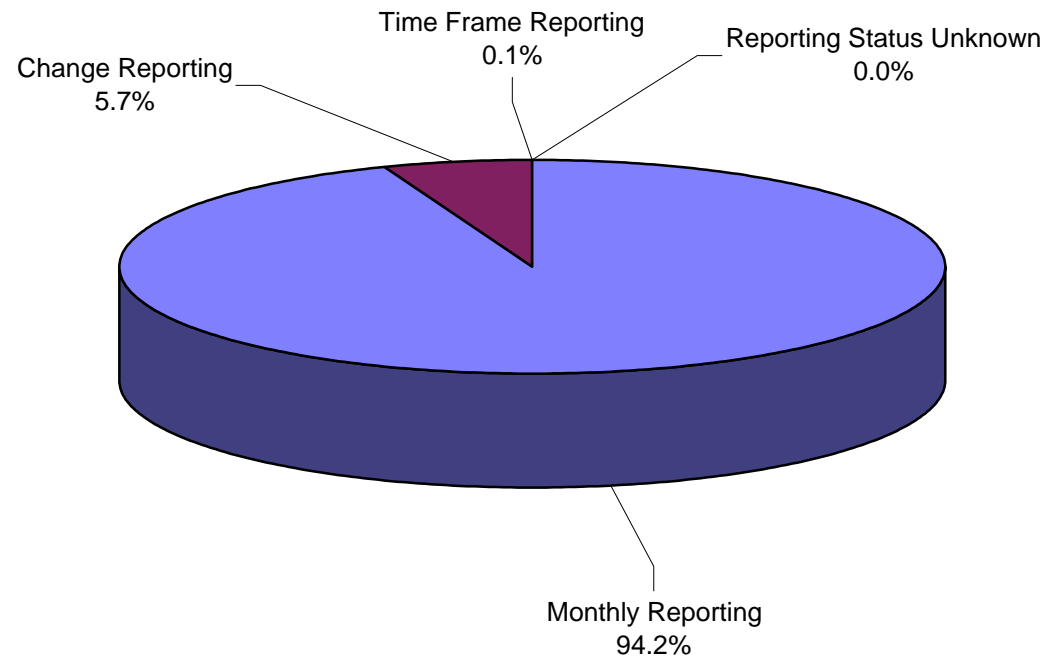
Change Reporting - Households subject to the change reporting requirements must report certain changes in circumstances within ten days of becoming aware of change.

Time Frame reporting - Established as part of Assembly Bill 1741, Youth Pilot Project, and specific to Contra Costa County, this reporting is designed to provide in general terms, flexibility in the administering of community social services in connection with the RISE (Reinvesting in Self-sufficiency and Employment) initiative.

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Federal Fiscal Year 2002

CHART 28

REPORTING STATUS OF THE FOOD STAMP HOUSEHOLD



Food Stamp Household Characteristics Survey
Federal Fiscal Year 2002

TABLE 29
REPORTED BUDGET MONTH SHELTER COST OF THE FOOD STAMP HOUSEHOLD

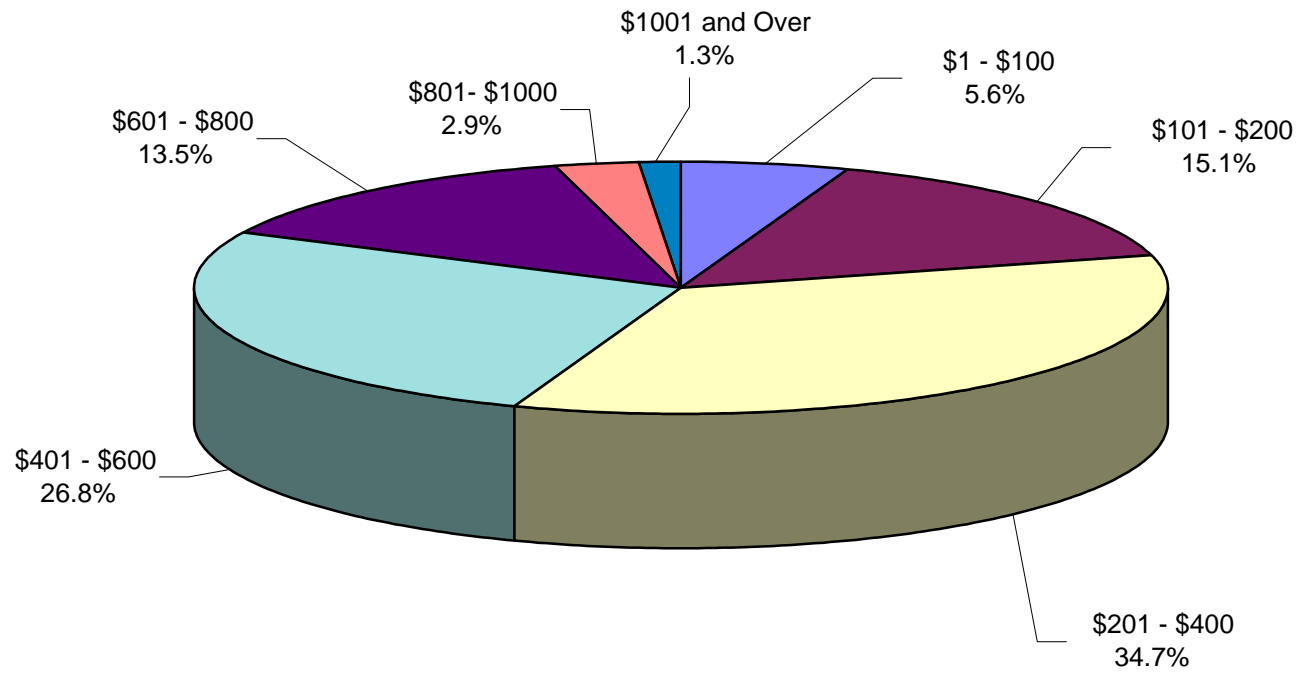
SHELTER COST	TOTAL HOUSEHOLDS		CLASSIFICATION			
			PUBLIC ASSISTANCE		NONASSISTANCE	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Total	683,094	100.0	340,077	100.0	343,017	100.0
Households Not Reporting Shelter Cost	73,509	10.8	16,528	4.9	56,981	16.6
Households Reporting Shelter Cost	609,585	89.2 100.0	323,549	95.1 100.0	286,036	83.4 100.0
\$1 - \$100	34,354	5.6	16,716	5.2	17,638	6.2
\$101 - \$200	92,326	15.1	41,314	12.8	51,012	17.8
\$201 - \$400	211,751	34.7	124,172	38.4	87,579	30.6
\$401 - \$600	163,392	26.8	86,583	26.8	76,809	26.9
\$601 - \$800	82,219	13.5	43,728	13.5	38,491	13.5
\$801- \$1000	17,876	2.9	8,175	2.5	9,701	3.4
\$1001 and Over	7,667	1.3	2,861	0.9	4,806	1.7
Avg./Median Amt. of Shelter Cost	\$412 / \$395		\$411 / \$400		\$413 / \$389	

- The average amount of shelter cost for food stamp households in FFY 2002 was \$412 per month, up \$24 from the average amount reported for FFY 2001 and \$37 reported for FFY 2000.
- Nearly 18 percent of all households paid more than \$600 per month for shelter in FFY 2002 versus 14.1 percent for FFY 2001.

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Federal Fiscal Year 2002

CHART 29

REPORTED BUDGET MONTH SHELTER COST OF THE FOOD STAMP HOUSEHOLD



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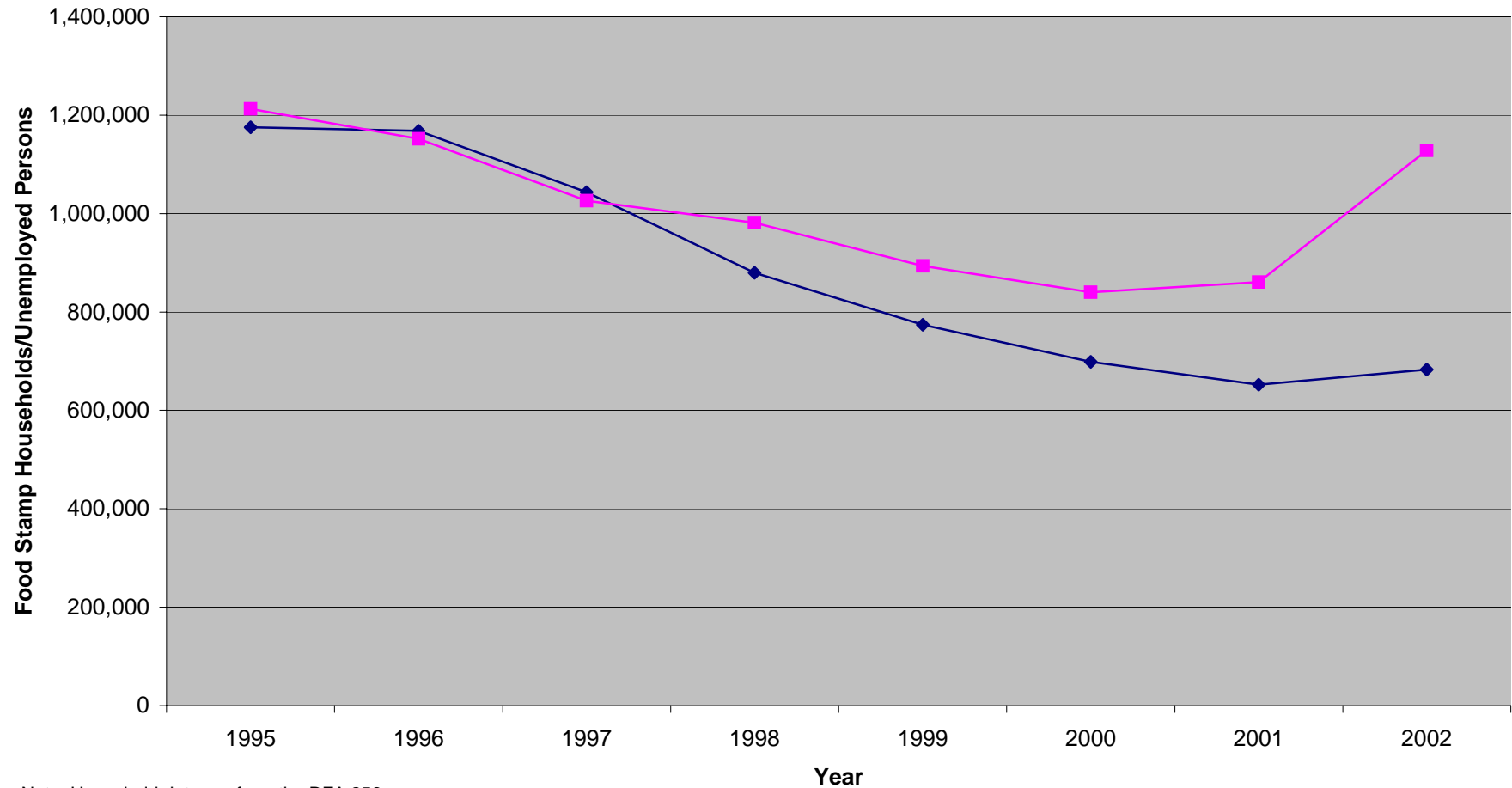
FOOD STAMP PROGRAM TREND CHARTS

Chart No.

- 30 Households: October 1995 – October 2002
- 31 Recipients: October 1995 – October 2002

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Federal Fiscal Year 2002

CHART 30
FOOD STAMP PROGRAM
Food Stamp Households vs. Unemployed Persons
October 1995 - October 2002



Note: Household data are from the DFA 256.
Unemployment data are from the EDD website.

—◆— Food Stamp Households —■— Unemployed Persons

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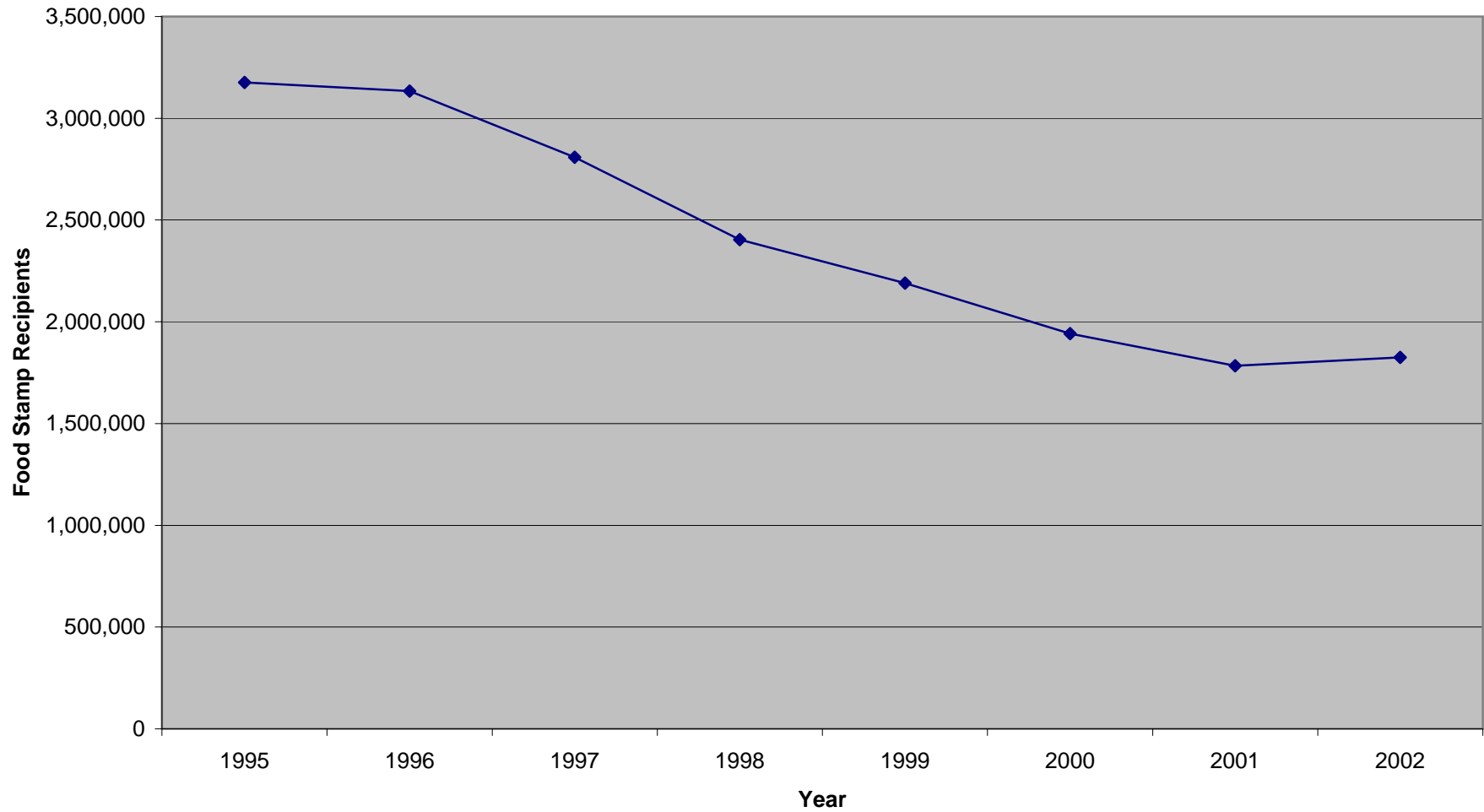
The number of food stamp cases and the number of unemployed people in California have typically been very close. This relationship has existed for several years and can be seen in Chart 30 for the years 1995 through 1997. In 1998, however, the drop in food stamp cases exceeded the drop in the ranks of the unemployed by roughly 110,600 cases, creating the divergence in the trend lines seen for that year.

The precipitous drop in food stamp cases can be attributed, in part at least, to the Welfare Reform Act, which made most legal immigrants ineligible for food stamps effective August 22, 1997. The Act also eliminated benefits to able-bodied adults without dependents (ABAWDS) unless they met certain work or training requirements. Although the September 1, 1997, enactment of the California Food Assistance Program (CFAP) created a state funded program for some of the eliminated ineligible immigrants—those under 18 and those 65 and older—the vast majority remained ineligible. On September 1, 1998, CFAP eligibility was expanded to include most of this excluded group.

In FFY 2002, the increase in unemployment—also experienced on a national level—exceeded the increase in the number of food stamp cases by a ratio of nearly 9:1; i.e., food stamp cases increased by 30,705 while the unemployed increased by 267,775.

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Federal Fiscal Year 2002

CHART 31
FOOD STAMP PROGRAM
Food Stamp Recipients
October 1995 - October 2002



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¹ All data contained in Appendices A through G are from U.S Department of Agriculture, Food and Nutrition Service website: <http://www.fns.usda.gov/pd/fspmain.htm>. The % *Change* column in Appendices C through G, which compares the last two years, has been added.

Appendix A

**Participation, Benefits, and Costs
by Federal Fiscal Year
1969 - 2002**

(Data as of September 26, 2003)					
		Average		All	
Fiscal	Average	Benefit Per	Total	Other	Total
Year	Participation	Person ¹	Benefits	Costs ²	Costs
	--Thousands--	--Dollars--	-----Millions of Dollars-----		
1969	2,878	6.63	228.8	21.7	250.5
1970	4,340	10.55	549.7	27.2	576.9
1971	9,368	13.55	1,522.7	53.2	1,575.9
1972	11,109	13.48	1,797.3	69.4	1,866.7
1973	12,166	14.60	2,131.4	76.0	2,207.4
1974	12,862	17.61	2,718.3	119.2	2,837.5
1975	17,064	21.40	4,385.5	233.2	4,618.7
1976	18,549	23.93	5,326.5	359.0	5,685.5
1977	17,077	24.71	5,067.0	394.0	5,461.0
1978	16,001	26.77	5,139.2	380.5	5,519.7
1979	17,653	30.59	6,480.2	459.6	6,939.8
1980	21,082	34.47	8,720.9	485.6	9,206.5
1981	22,430	39.49	10,629.9	595.4	11,225.2
1982 3]	21,717	39.17	10,208.3	628.4	10,836.7
1983	21,625	42.98	11,152.3	694.8	11,847.1
1984	20,854	42.74	10,696.1	882.6	11,578.8
1985	19,899	44.99	10,743.6	959.6	11,703.2
1986	19,429	45.49	10,605.2	1,033.2	11,638.4
1987	19,113	45.78	10,500.3	1,103.9	11,604.2
1988	18,645	49.83	11,149.1	1,167.7	12,316.8
1989	18,806	51.85	11,700.5	1,231.8	12,932.3
1990	20,049	58.97	14,186.7	1,304.5	15,491.2
1991	22,625	63.86	17,338.7	1,430.4	18,769.1
1992	25,406	68.57	20,905.7	1,556.6	22,462.3
1993	26,982	67.96	22,006.0	1,647.0	23,653.0
1994	27,468	69.02	22,748.6	1,744.1	24,492.7
1995	26,619	71.27	22,764.1	1,855.5	24,619.6
1996	25,542	73.22	22,441.5	1,885.5	24,327.0
1997	22,858	71.27	19,550.2	1,936.7	21,486.9
1998	19,788	71.12	16,889.1	2,003.5	18,892.6
1999	18,183	72.21	15,755.4	1,942.8	17,698.2
2000	17,139	72.70	14,952.2	2,077.1	17,029.3
2001	17,313	74.83	15,547.0	2,253.0	17,800.0
2002	19,094	79.68	18,257.1	2,429.2	20,686.3

All data are subject to revision.

1] Represents average monthly benefits per person.

2] Includes the Federal share of State administrative expenses and Employment and Training programs. Also includes other Federal costs (e.g., printing and processing of stamps; anti-fraud funding; program evaluation).

3] Puerto Rico initiated Food Stamp operations during FY 1975 and participated through June of FY 1982. A separate Nutrition Assistance Grant was begun in July 1982.

Appendix B

National Participation and Benefits
Federal Fiscal Year 2000 - 2002
and October 1998 - July 2003

Fiscal	PARTICIPATION		BENEFIT	AVERAGE MONTHLY BENEFIT	
Year	Persons	Households	COSTS	Per Person	Per Household
ANNUAL SUMMARY					
FY 2002	19,093,798	8,192,596	18,257,136,244	79.68	185.71
FY 2001	17,313,403	7,446,981	15,547,017,668	74.83	173.97
FY 2000	17,139,225	7,324,628	14,952,174,801	72.7	170.11
MONTHLY DATA					
FY 2000					
Oct-99	17,530,630	7,440,073	1,288,075,264	73.48	173.13
Nov-99	17,538,150	7,440,896	1,277,965,373	72.87	171.75
Dec-99	17,217,554	7,345,770	1,283,079,391	74.52	174.67
Jan-00	16,899,185	7,193,641	1,209,940,739	71.6	168.2
Feb-00	17,191,017	7,359,949	1,248,825,541	72.64	169.68
Mar-00	17,285,171	7,393,958	1,263,856,245	73.12	170.93
Apr-00	17,040,733	7,310,720	1,241,069,844	72.83	169.76
May-00	17,018,465	7,294,217	1,228,847,289	72.21	168.47
Jun-00	17,045,793	7,303,373	1,230,400,931	72.18	168.47
Jul-00	16,886,177	7,240,652	1,216,065,477	72.02	167.95
Aug-00	17,004,588	7,281,636	1,231,836,094	72.44	169.17
Sep-00	17,013,240	7,290,646	1,232,212,613	72.43	169.01
FY 2001					
Oct-00	17,061,813	7,315,526	1,263,707,406	74.07	172.74
Nov-00	17,092,424	7,339,091	1,259,595,345	73.69	171.63
Dec-00	17,175,724	7,382,771	1,273,651,826	74.15	172.52
Jan-01	17,259,632	7,417,498	1,278,151,158	74.05	172.32
Feb-01	16,954,558	7,300,348	1,255,686,040	74.06	172
Mar-01	17,249,899	7,429,444	1,304,179,832	75.61	175.54
Apr-01	17,139,964	7,389,934	1,284,985,343	74.97	173.88
May-01	17,243,514	7,435,392	1,300,390,999	75.41	174.89
Jun-01	17,457,195	7,510,639	1,312,936,823	75.21	174.81
Jul-01	17,509,445	7,537,656	1,322,167,499	75.51	175.41
Aug-01	17,758,492	7,639,031	1,341,676,078	75.55	175.63
Sep-01	17,858,172	7,666,441	1,349,889,319	75.59	176.08
FY 2002					
Oct-01	18,168,980	7,812,305	1,460,912,880	80.41	187
Nov-01	18,499,919	7,937,196	1,479,166,686	79.96	186.36
Dec-01	18,745,919	8,030,995	1,500,294,672	80.03	186.81
Jan-02	18,918,112	8,126,126	1,508,680,641	79.75	185.66
Feb-02	19,018,508	8,165,398	1,517,699,803	79.8	185.87
Mar-02	19,216,647	8,253,742	1,540,742,865	80.18	186.67
Apr-02	19,166,625	8,242,691	1,529,442,680	79.8	185.55
May-02	19,321,962	8,270,641	1,526,196,615	78.99	184.53
Jun-02	19,314,229	8,285,352	1,527,935,076	79.11	184.41
Jul-02	19,283,213	8,276,489	1,538,353,820	79.78	185.87
Aug-02	19,690,870	8,430,759	1,562,754,765	79.36	185.36

Appendix B

National Participation and Benefits
Federal Fiscal Year 2000 - 2002
and October 1998 - July 2003

Fiscal	PARTICIPATION		BENEFIT	AVERAGE MONTHLY BENEFIT	
Year	Persons	Households	COSTS	Per Person	Per Household
Sep-02	19,780,590	8,479,463	1,564,955,741	79.12	184.56
FY 2003					
Oct-02	20,129,115	8,658,335	1,686,944,231	83.81	194.83
Nov-02	20,333,867	8,758,028	1,687,250,996	82.98	192.65
Dec-02	20,556,693	8,868,772	1,724,384,683	83.88	194.43
Jan-03	20,698,387	8,950,684	1,715,867,814	82.9	191.7
Feb-03	20,749,206	8,990,472	1,733,838,584	83.56	192.85
Mar-03	21,019,190	9,108,778	1,754,670,631	83.48	192.64
Apr-03	21,253,915	9,146,779	1,776,192,622	83.57	194.19
May-03	21,547,187	9,257,589	1,802,942,955	83.67	194.75
Jun-03	21,782,834	9,360,828	1,819,168,039	83.51	194.34
Jul-03	22,039,239	9,462,291	1,852,919,719	84.07	195.82
FY 2002 data are preliminary; subject to revision.					

Appendix C

**Average Monthly Participation (Persons)
by State and Federal Fiscal Year
1998 - 2002**

(Data as of September 26, 2003)						
State / Territory	FY 1998	FY 1999	FY 2000	FY 2001	FY 2002	% Change
Alabama	426,819	405,273	396,057	411,292	443,547	7.8%
Alaska	42,451	41,262	37,524	37,897	46,165	21.8%
Arizona	295,703	257,362	259,006	291,372	378,722	30.0%
Arkansas	255,710	252,957	246,572	256,441	283,909	10.7%
California	2,259,069	2,027,089	1,831,698	1,668,352	1,710,306	2.5%
Colorado	191,015	173,497	155,948	153,952	178,490	15.9%
Connecticut	195,866	178,168	165,059	157,031	168,591	7.4%
Delaware	45,581	38,571	32,218	31,886	39,628	24.3%
District of Columbia	85,396	84,082	80,803	73,494	74,271	1.1%
Florida	990,571	933,435	882,341	887,256	985,130	11.0%
Georgia	631,720	616,600	559,468	573,537	645,633	12.6%
Guam	25,249	19,758	22,234	22,723	24,457	7.6%
Hawaii	122,027	125,155	118,041	108,313	106,370	-1.8%
Idaho	62,393	57,201	58,191	59,667	69,998	17.3%
Illinois	922,927	820,034	760,472	825,295	886,344	7.4%
Indiana	313,116	298,213	300,314	346,551	410,884	18.6%
Iowa	141,067	128,790	123,322	126,494	140,729	11.3%
Kansas	119,218	114,875	116,511	124,285	140,403	13.0%
Kentucky	412,028	396,440	403,479	412,680	450,102	9.1%
Louisiana	536,834	516,285	499,851	518,384	588,458	13.5%
Maine	115,099	108,749	101,598	104,383	111,147	6.5%
Maryland	322,653	264,393	219,180	208,426	228,329	9.5%
Massachusetts	292,997	261,021	231,829	219,223	242,542	10.6%
Michigan	771,580	682,680	602,857	641,269	750,037	17.0%
Minnesota	219,744	208,062	196,050	197,727	216,960	9.7%
Mississippi	329,058	288,057	275,856	297,805	324,852	9.1%
Missouri	410,966	408,331	423,320	454,427	515,006	13.3%
Montana	62,328	60,898	59,466	61,957	63,347	2.2%
Nebraska	94,944	92,404	82,414	80,652	88,459	9.7%
Nevada	71,531	61,673	60,905	69,825	97,035	39.0%
New Hampshire	39,578	37,438	36,266	35,554	41,053	15.5%
New Jersey	424,738	384,888	344,677	317,579	319,799	0.7%
New Mexico	174,699	178,439	169,343	163,245	170,457	4.4%
New York	1,627,170	1,540,784	1,438,568	1,353,542	1,346,644	-0.5%
North Carolina	527,790	505,410	488,247	493,672	574,369	16.3%
North Dakota	33,801	33,442	31,824	37,755	36,781	-2.6%
Ohio	733,565	639,786	609,717	640,503	734,679	14.7%
Oklahoma	287,577	271,351	253,287	271,001	316,684	16.9%
Oregon	238,446	223,978	234,387	283,705	359,138	26.6%
Pennsylvania	906,735	834,898	777,112	748,074	766,615	2.5%
Rhode Island	72,301	76,394	74,256	71,272	71,933	0.9%
South Carolina	333,017	308,570	295,335	315,718	379,310	20.1%
South Dakota	45,173	44,065	42,887	44,594	47,663	6.9%

Appendix C

**Average Monthly Participation (Persons)
by State and Federal Fiscal Year
1998 - 2002**

(Data as of September 26, 2003)						
State / Territory	FY 1998	FY 1999	FY 2000	FY 2001	FY 2002	% Change
Tennessee	538,467	510,828	496,031	521,510	598,012	14.7%
Texas	1,636,175	1,400,526	1,332,785	1,360,642	1,554,428	14.2%
Utah	91,764	88,163	81,917	79,716	89,899	12.8%
Vermont	45,702	44,287	40,831	38,874	39,914	2.7%
Virgin Islands	17,283	16,866	15,668	13,266	12,447	-6.2%
Virginia	396,581	361,581	336,080	332,312	352,172	6.0%
Washington	364,418	306,654	295,061	308,589	350,373	13.5%
West Virginia	269,140	247,249	226,897	221,361	235,736	6.5%
Wisconsin	192,887	182,206	193,021	215,786	262,310	21.6%
Wyoming	25,452	23,477	22,447	22,539	23,530	4.4%
TOTAL	19,788,115	18,182,595	17,139,225	17,313,403	19,093,798	10.3%
The following outlying areas receive Nutrition Assistance Grants which provide benefits analogous to the Food Stamp Program: Puerto Rico, American Samoa, and the Northern Marianas. The number of persons participating is reported monthly. All data are subject to revision.						

Appendix D

**Average Monthly Participation (Households)
by State and Federal Fiscal Year
1998 - 2002**

(Data as of September 26, 2003)						
State / Territory	FY 1998	FY 1999	FY 2000	FY 2001	FY 2002	% Change
Alabama	166,822	159,241	156,105	161,372	173,295	7.4%
Alaska	14,250	13,909	13,208	13,184	16,138	22.4%
Arizona	106,943	94,906	95,569	107,799	143,826	33.4%
Arkansas	100,776	100,305	98,764	102,633	113,238	10.3%
California	865,312	745,994	672,198	622,602	647,661	4.0%
Colorado	81,935	75,981	69,951	69,408	78,902	13.7%
Connecticut	92,813	87,946	84,016	81,857	87,963	7.5%
Delaware	16,882	14,286	13,463	13,602	16,483	21.2%
District of Columbia	37,792	37,349	36,194	33,344	34,554	3.6%
Florida	431,750	426,593	415,788	425,955	472,697	11.0%
Georgia	256,429	251,256	229,500	235,633	263,076	11.6%
Guam	7,030	5,965	6,718	6,876	7,436	8.1%
Hawaii	54,248	56,365	54,212	50,983	50,981	0.0%
Idaho	23,636	22,536	23,174	24,034	28,006	16.5%
Illinois	392,747	352,018	329,280	363,570	392,909	8.1%
Indiana	129,644	125,593	127,875	146,509	171,329	16.9%
Iowa	58,852	54,254	52,548	54,437	60,549	11.2%
Kansas	52,957	52,008	53,346	56,500	62,896	11.3%
Kentucky	162,697	159,347	167,971	173,102	187,471	8.3%
Louisiana	202,047	197,520	191,891	198,152	224,450	13.3%
Maine	55,599	53,719	51,711	53,151	56,376	6.1%
Maryland	137,369	117,311	101,048	97,026	104,795	8.0%
Massachusetts	133,522	121,767	110,234	104,838	114,859	9.6%
Michigan	329,941	297,465	269,430	285,277	327,853	14.9%
Minnesota	97,149	94,437	91,099	93,086	101,820	9.4%
Mississippi	129,979	115,176	108,993	115,994	126,389	9.0%
Missouri	173,954	172,499	182,254	195,480	220,639	12.9%
Montana	25,418	25,334	25,280	26,481	26,865	1.5%
Nebraska	38,755	37,969	35,130	34,729	37,570	8.2%
Nevada	32,653	28,736	28,291	32,102	43,556	35.7%
New Hampshire	18,240	17,927	18,095	17,951	20,452	13.9%
New Jersey	185,598	169,941	152,358	144,067	147,077	2.1%
New Mexico	64,530	65,520	63,534	62,484	65,875	5.4%
New York	759,177	747,975	720,035	683,969	685,572	0.2%
North Carolina	224,235	214,501	209,232	213,420	244,907	14.8%
North Dakota	14,025	13,936	13,604	15,921	15,899	-0.1%
Ohio	331,614	293,372	279,174	292,221	330,844	13.2%
Oklahoma	119,168	113,313	107,098	113,374	129,934	14.6%
Oregon	110,933	107,458	114,368	137,199	177,291	29.2%
Pennsylvania	400,170	373,202	352,491	342,814	350,838	2.3%
Rhode Island	32,399	34,282	33,422	32,632	33,370	2.3%
South Carolina	135,539	126,539	121,945	130,055	154,584	18.9%
South Dakota	16,896	16,448	16,425	17,160	18,474	7.7%

Appendix D

**Average Monthly Participation (Households)
by State and Federal Fiscal Year
1998 - 2002**

(Data as of September 26, 2003)						
State / Territory	FY 1998	FY 1999	FY 2000	FY 2001	FY 2002	% Change
Tennessee	231,724	219,910	215,336	226,224	255,900	13.1%
Texas	601,968	514,786	489,303	500,129	570,337	14.0%
Utah	35,124	35,206	32,616	32,647	36,005	10.3%
Vermont	21,479	20,826	19,649	19,090	19,809	3.8%
Virgin Islands	5,515	5,429	5,087	4,417	4,181	-5.3%
Virginia	170,711	158,842	150,452	149,595	157,703	5.4%
Washington	164,232	137,341	133,481	141,387	163,313	15.5%
West Virginia	110,318	102,925	96,097	94,794	100,359	5.9%
Wisconsin	75,321	71,662	76,633	86,588	105,747	22.1%
Wyoming	9,928	9,248	8,952	9,129	9,545	4.6%
TOTAL	8,248,741	7,668,372	7,324,628	7,446,981	8,192,596	10.0%
The following outlying areas receive Nutrition Assistance Grants which provide benefits analogous to the Food Stamp program: Puerto Rico, American Samoa, and the Northern Marianas. The number of households participating is reported monthly. Annual averages are the sums divided by twelve. Data are subject to revision.						

Appendix E

Annual Benefits per State 1998 - 2002

(Data as of September 26, 2003)						
State/Territory	FY 1998	FY 1999	FY 2000	FY 2001	FY 2002	% Change
Alabama	357,317,903	346,450,437	343,735,258	364,735,790	417,376,930	14.4%
Alaska	49,746,822	48,889,936	45,834,562	46,477,327	59,454,787	27.9%
Arizona	253,455,437	232,826,572	240,245,624	280,402,760	385,908,411	37.6%
Arkansas	205,780,188	209,874,168	206,236,378	223,351,249	264,534,345	18.4%
California	2,019,720,937	1,796,136,121	1,639,332,967	1,583,142,951	1,707,273,755	7.8%
Colorado	156,916,678	144,720,537	126,585,265	130,771,493	165,442,169	26.5%
Connecticut	161,193,698	149,595,858	138,008,106	135,682,522	145,797,723	7.5%
Delaware	33,608,741	32,362,999	31,126,762	31,926,772	39,293,407	23.1%
District of Columbia	84,857,116	82,496,954	76,672,014	70,340,763	75,667,818	7.6%
Florida	845,349,552	813,042,471	771,225,218	770,726,070	878,454,831	14.0%
Georgia	538,294,023	513,637,274	488,888,524	515,153,023	621,290,583	20.6%
Guam	34,412,794	31,221,187	35,880,315	37,172,243	51,815,528	39.4%
Hawaii	178,216,072	179,884,736	166,259,882	149,759,152	151,768,769	1.3%
Idaho	46,693,275	45,307,846	46,163,882	47,224,586	62,014,314	31.3%
Illinois	844,102,292	767,080,093	746,031,218	810,104,429	923,305,728	14.0%
Indiana	263,188,554	255,421,097	268,121,224	317,040,579	408,077,163	28.7%
Iowa	109,448,465	103,388,504	100,182,582	107,294,570	128,762,369	20.0%
Kansas	82,783,169	80,360,213	82,700,978	91,979,416	113,271,938	23.1%
Kentucky	344,940,784	336,771,715	336,743,372	350,489,629	410,097,309	17.0%
Louisiana	466,980,753	462,680,491	448,096,963	482,656,653	587,074,354	21.6%
Maine	100,232,859	89,127,326	81,408,200	86,333,390	97,446,679	12.9%
Maryland	281,736,952	237,310,627	199,458,863	190,820,637	215,189,301	12.8%
Massachusetts	221,815,998	205,051,564	181,517,603	172,989,318	209,235,751	21.0%
Michigan	588,474,335	514,831,200	456,597,027	504,149,597	644,577,181	27.9%
Minnesota	180,842,412	172,063,522	164,695,571	172,484,759	200,648,921	16.3%
Mississippi	254,346,378	231,739,620	226,107,873	254,370,944	297,924,799	17.1%
Missouri	345,484,217	348,113,305	358,044,751	394,611,312	476,894,198	20.9%
Montana	52,373,946	52,398,197	51,194,113	53,846,673	57,920,257	7.6%
Nebraska	67,738,363	66,150,346	60,888,562	62,711,292	74,384,109	18.6%
Nevada	63,224,574	56,059,506	56,642,985	65,330,055	95,508,198	46.2%
New Hampshire	30,212,014	30,955,561	28,129,262	28,051,307	34,656,997	23.5%
New Jersey	383,557,420	345,639,729	303,820,932	292,111,168	314,258,247	7.6%
New Mexico	144,404,618	144,187,966	139,569,533	136,264,416	154,364,768	13.3%
New York	1,505,332,697	1,464,473,573	1,361,453,901	1,365,352,668	1,478,662,757	8.3%
North Carolina	421,099,231	434,764,911	403,129,126	424,834,876	536,423,418	26.3%
North Dakota	25,123,251	25,689,624	25,295,459	27,125,809	31,374,657	15.7%
Ohio	612,750,217	535,415,498	520,258,638	572,859,721	726,310,158	26.8%
Oklahoma	230,899,828	221,447,724	208,396,356	236,102,011	288,441,518	22.2%
Oregon	197,719,414	190,450,933	197,738,872	239,553,778	319,462,072	33.4%
Pennsylvania	764,085,110	704,175,016	655,726,257	639,175,011	700,337,384	9.6%
Rhode Island	56,712,236	61,300,107	59,272,157	59,063,899	64,256,422	8.8%
South Carolina	263,759,224	251,171,238	249,259,466	269,270,452	351,661,564	30.6%
South Dakota	36,922,622	36,973,956	36,786,857	39,348,630	45,323,818	15.2%
Tennessee	437,307,628	424,613,484	415,123,716	454,423,658	551,508,090	21.4%

Appendix E

Annual Benefits per State 1998 - 2002

(Data as of September 26, 2003)						
State/Territory	FY 1998	FY 1999	FY 2000	FY 2001	FY 2002	% Change
Texas	1,424,902,631	1,255,473,491	1,215,160,306	1,269,894,097	1,522,294,908	19.9%
Utah	75,252,157	73,202,676	68,263,054	66,826,668	79,708,928	19.3%
Vermont	33,758,213	34,293,144	31,996,215	31,103,256	34,252,771	10.1%
Virgin Islands	21,851,455	22,193,300	20,936,251	17,631,417	17,431,363	-1.1%
Virginia	306,862,153	282,346,203	262,836,759	262,923,318	305,463,503	16.2%
Washington	308,047,902	260,239,784	241,495,700	260,877,515	317,651,773	21.8%
West Virginia	224,256,623	208,102,865	185,496,453	178,432,049	198,011,265	11.0%
Wisconsin	130,103,649	123,795,156	128,811,293	152,453,480	197,330,085	29.4%
Wyoming	20,871,282	19,468,005	18,591,596	19,258,510	21,538,153	11.8%
TOTAL	16,889,068,862	15,755,368,366	14,952,174,801	15,547,017,668	18,257,136,244	17.4%
The following outlying areas receive Nutrition Assistance Grants which provide benefits analogous to the Food Stamp Program: Puerto Rico, American Samoa, and the Northern Marianas. All data are subject to revision.						

Appendix F

**Average Monthly Benefit per Person
by State and Federal Fiscal Year
1998 - 2002**

(Data as of September 26, 2003)						
State / Territory	FY 1998	FY 1999	FY 2000	FY 2001	FY 2002	% Change
Alabama	69.76	71.24	72.32	73.90	78.42	6.1%
Alaska	97.65	98.74	101.79	102.20	107.32	5.0%
Arizona	71.43	75.39	77.30	80.20	84.91	5.9%
Arkansas	67.06	69.14	69.70	72.58	77.65	7.0%
California	74.50	73.84	74.58	79.08	83.19	5.2%
Colorado	68.46	69.51	67.64	70.79	77.24	9.1%
Connecticut	68.58	69.97	69.68	72.00	72.07	0.1%
Delaware	61.45	69.92	80.51	83.44	82.63	-1.0%
District of Columbia	82.81	81.76	79.07	79.76	84.90	6.4%
Florida	71.12	72.59	72.84	72.39	74.31	2.7%
Georgia	71.01	69.42	72.82	74.85	80.19	7.1%
Guam	113.58	131.68	134.48	136.32	176.55	29.5%
Hawaii	121.71	119.77	117.37	115.22	118.90	3.2%
Idaho	62.36	66.01	66.11	65.96	73.83	11.9%
Illinois	76.22	77.95	81.75	81.80	86.81	6.1%
Indiana	70.05	71.38	74.40	76.24	82.76	8.6%
Iowa	64.66	66.90	67.70	70.69	76.25	7.9%
Kansas	57.87	58.30	59.15	61.67	67.23	9.0%
Kentucky	69.76	70.79	69.55	70.78	75.93	7.3%
Louisiana	72.49	74.68	74.71	77.59	83.14	7.2%
Maine	72.57	68.30	66.77	68.92	73.06	6.0%
Maryland	72.77	74.80	75.84	76.29	78.54	2.9%
Massachusetts	63.09	65.46	65.25	65.76	71.89	9.3%
Michigan	63.56	62.84	63.12	65.51	71.62	9.3%
Minnesota	68.58	68.92	70.01	72.69	77.07	6.0%
Mississippi	64.41	67.04	68.30	71.18	76.43	7.4%
Missouri	70.06	71.04	70.48	72.36	77.17	6.6%
Montana	70.02	71.70	71.74	72.42	76.19	5.2%
Nebraska	59.45	59.66	61.57	64.80	70.07	8.1%
Nevada	73.66	75.75	77.50	77.97	82.02	5.2%
New Hampshire	63.61	68.90	64.64	65.75	70.35	7.0%
New Jersey	75.25	74.84	73.46	76.65	81.89	6.8%
New Mexico	68.88	67.34	68.68	69.56	75.47	8.5%
New York	77.09	79.21	78.87	84.06	91.50	8.9%
North Carolina	66.49	71.69	68.81	71.71	77.83	8.5%
North Dakota	61.94	64.02	66.24	59.87	71.08	18.7%
Ohio	69.61	69.74	71.11	74.53	82.38	10.5%
Oklahoma	66.91	68.01	68.56	72.60	75.90	4.5%
Oregon	69.10	70.86	70.30	70.36	74.13	5.4%
Pennsylvania	70.22	70.29	70.32	71.20	76.13	6.9%
Rhode Island	65.37	66.87	66.52	69.06	74.44	7.8%
South Carolina	66.00	67.83	70.33	71.07	77.26	8.7%
South Dakota	68.11	69.92	71.48	73.53	79.24	7.8%

Appendix F

**Average Monthly Benefit per Person
by State and Federal Fiscal Year
1998 - 2002**

(Data as of September 26, 2003)						
State / Territory	FY 1998	FY 1999	FY 2000	FY 2001	FY 2002	% Change
Tennessee	67.68	69.27	69.74	72.61	76.85	5.8%
Texas	72.57	74.70	75.98	77.78	81.61	4.9%
Utah	68.34	69.19	69.44	69.86	73.89	5.8%
Vermont	61.56	64.53	65.30	66.68	71.51	7.2%
Virgin Islands	105.36	109.65	111.35	110.76	116.70	5.4%
Virginia	64.48	65.07	65.17	65.93	72.28	9.6%
Washington	70.44	70.72	68.21	70.45	75.55	7.2%
West Virginia	69.44	70.14	68.13	67.17	70.00	4.2%
Wisconsin	56.21	56.62	55.61	58.88	62.69	6.5%
Wyoming	68.33	69.10	69.02	71.21	76.28	7.1%
TOTAL	71.12	72.21	72.70	74.83	79.68	6.5%
The following outlying areas receive Nutrition Assistance Grants which provide benefits analogous to the Food Stamp Program: Puerto Rico, American Samoa, and the Northern Marianas. Annual averages are total benefits divided by total annual participation. All data are subject to revision.						

Appendix G

**Average Monthly Benefit per Household
by State and Federal Fiscal Year
1998 - 2002**

(Data as of September 26, 2003)						
State / Territory	FY 1998	FY 1999	FY 2000	FY 2001	FY 2002	% Change
Alabama	178.49	181.30	183.50	188.35	200.71	6.6%
Alaska	290.91	292.91	289.18	293.77	307.02	4.5%
Arizona	197.50	204.44	209.49	216.76	223.60	3.2%
Arkansas	170.16	174.36	174.01	181.35	194.67	7.3%
California	194.51	200.64	203.23	211.90	219.67	3.7%
Colorado	159.60	158.73	150.80	157.01	174.73	11.3%
Connecticut	144.73	141.75	136.89	138.13	138.12	0.0%
Delaware	165.90	188.79	192.67	195.60	198.65	1.6%
District of Columbia	187.12	184.07	176.53	175.80	182.49	3.8%
Florida	163.16	158.82	154.57	150.78	154.87	2.7%
Georgia	174.93	170.36	177.52	182.19	196.80	8.0%
Guam	407.94	436.20	445.05	450.54	580.69	28.9%
Hawaii	273.77	265.95	255.57	244.78	248.08	1.3%
Idaho	164.63	167.54	166.00	163.74	184.53	12.7%
Illinois	179.10	181.59	188.80	185.68	195.83	5.5%
Indiana	169.17	169.48	174.73	180.33	198.49	10.1%
Iowa	154.98	158.80	158.87	164.25	177.21	7.9%
Kansas	130.27	128.76	129.19	135.66	150.08	10.6%
Kentucky	176.68	176.12	167.06	168.73	182.29	8.0%
Louisiana	192.60	195.20	194.60	202.98	217.97	7.4%
Maine	150.23	138.26	131.19	135.36	144.04	6.4%
Maryland	170.91	168.58	164.49	163.89	171.12	4.4%
Massachusetts	138.44	140.33	137.22	137.51	151.81	10.4%
Michigan	148.63	144.23	141.22	147.27	163.84	11.3%
Minnesota	155.13	151.83	150.66	154.41	164.22	6.4%
Mississippi	163.07	167.67	172.88	182.75	196.43	7.5%
Missouri	165.51	168.17	163.71	168.22	180.12	7.1%
Montana	171.71	172.36	168.76	169.45	179.67	6.0%
Nebraska	145.66	145.19	144.44	150.48	164.99	9.6%
Nevada	161.35	162.57	166.84	169.59	182.73	7.7%
New Hampshire	138.03	143.90	129.54	130.22	141.21	8.4%
New Jersey	172.22	169.49	166.18	168.97	178.06	5.4%
New Mexico	186.48	183.39	183.07	181.73	195.27	7.5%
New York	165.24	163.16	157.57	166.35	179.74	8.0%
North Carolina	156.49	168.91	160.56	165.88	182.53	10.0%
North Dakota	149.28	153.61	154.95	141.98	164.45	15.8%
Ohio	153.98	152.09	155.30	163.36	182.94	12.0%
Oklahoma	161.47	162.86	162.15	173.54	184.99	6.6%
Oregon	148.53	147.69	144.08	145.50	150.16	3.2%
Pennsylvania	159.12	157.24	155.02	155.37	166.35	7.1%
Rhode Island	145.87	149.01	147.79	150.83	160.46	6.4%
South Carolina	162.17	165.41	170.34	172.54	189.57	9.9%
South Dakota	182.11	187.33	186.64	191.09	204.45	7.0%

Appendix G

**Average Monthly Benefit per Household
by State and Federal Fiscal Year
1998 - 2002**

(Data as of September 26, 2003)						
State / Territory	FY 1998	FY 1999	FY 2000	FY 2001	FY 2002	% Change
Tennessee	157.27	160.90	160.65	167.39	179.60	7.3%
Texas	197.26	203.24	206.95	211.59	222.43	5.1%
Utah	178.54	173.27	174.41	170.58	184.49	8.2%
Vermont	130.97	137.22	135.70	135.77	144.09	6.1%
Virgin Islands	330.18	340.65	342.97	332.68	347.41	4.4%
Virginia	149.80	148.13	145.58	146.46	161.41	10.2%
Washington	156.31	157.90	150.77	153.76	162.09	5.4%
West Virginia	169.40	168.49	160.86	156.86	164.42	4.8%
Wisconsin	143.94	143.96	140.07	146.72	155.51	6.0%
Wyoming	175.19	175.42	173.07	175.79	188.04	7.0%
TOTAL	170.62	171.22	170.11	173.97	185.71	6.7%
The following outlying areas receive Nutrition Assistance Grants which provide benefits analogous to the Food Stamp Program: Puerto Rico, American Samoa, and the Northern Marianas. Annual averages are total benefits divided by total annual participation. All data are subject to revision.						

Appendix H

**Reliability Estimates for
Selected Sample Sizes¹**

Selected Sample Size	Characteristic Percent				
	10%	20%	30%	40%	50%
	Estimated reliability at 95% confidence (+ or -):				
5,698	0.78%	1.04%	1.19%	1.27%	1.29%
5,600	0.80%	1.07%	1.22%	1.31%	1.34%
4,300	0.91%	1.22%	1.40%	1.49%	1.52%
4,000	0.95%	1.26%	1.45%	1.55%	1.58%
3,300	1.04%	1.39%	1.60%	1.71%	1.74%
3,000	1.10%	1.46%	1.67%	1.79%	1.83%
2,700	1.15%	1.54%	1.78%	1.89%	1.92%
2,300	1.25%	1.67%	1.91%	2.04%	2.09%
1,500	1.55%	2.07%	2.37%	2.53%	2.58%
1,000	1.90%	2.53%	2.90%	3.10%	3.16%
500	2.68%	3.68%	4.10%	4.38%	4.47%
400	3.00%	4.00%	4.58%	4.90%	5.00%
300	3.46%	4.62%	5.29%	5.66%	5.77%
200	4.24%	5.66%	6.48%	6.93%	7.07%

Example: Table 12 shows that roughly 20% (20.6%) of total food stamp households were three-person households. The reliability chart shows a reliability of + or - 1.04% for a sample size of 5,698 (see "Sampling Information", Page iv). This means we are 95% confident that the true value lies between 19.56% and 21.64% (20.6% +/- 1.04%). That is, there is 1 chance in 20 (5%) that the true value falls outside this range.

¹ Reliability is based on an unrestricted random sample of cases and, as a result, the actual reliability of the data may be better than reflected in the table. Reliability does not apply to persons (recipient) data.

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